

***Search For Historical Earthquakes
in the Panhandle and El Paso Regions of Texas***

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Historical Earthquakes for the Panhandle Region

Newspaper Project

The historical earthquake research for the Panhandle region was a joint project between the Texas State Historical Association and the University of Texas Institute of Geophysics.

Purpose

The University of Texas at Austin's Institute of Geophysics supported this project to learn more about earthquakes in the region. This project was designed to research newspapers as historical sources to document earthquakes in the Panhandle prior to the 1920s and to explore this approach as a potential methodology for other areas.

The Texas State Historical Association supported this research in order to obtain a glimpse into the daily life of early Panhandle citizens and to create a database of other events that may escape history books. Highlighted was information concerning community development, settlement processes, biographical notes of local worthies, and other events that speak to what life could have been like at the time in the Panhandle.¹

For this purpose, from November 2000 to March 2001, I inspected 825 Panhandle area newspapers at the Center for American History of the University of Texas at Austin

Components

The project had two components. One consisted of inspecting the newspapers available for the Panhandle Region at the Center for American History of the University of Texas at Austin and to search for any information on earthquakes in the region. The second was to inspect the microfilm newspaper collections from the University of Texas at El Paso to determine the possibility of utilizing their newspaper and special collections to document historical earthquakes in the El Paso area in a similar vein that we have done for the Panhandle historical study. The summaries of that investigation are presented in part II.

¹ I have included the complete summaries for the Texas State Historical Association as part of the Appendices of the report.

Part I—The Panhandle Component

Newspaper Coverage

Scope

Figure 1 (p. 4) shows a map summarizing Panhandle coverage. Table 1 (p. 4) summarizes the exact extent of this coverage and Table 2 (pp. 5-8) presents the exact sequences that were covered. Coverage depended on availability of newspapers as this map shows. Group I was covered in its entirety. Group II was covered as Dallam and Hartley counties share the same sequence of Dalhart city newspapers. Group III was covered through Amarillo sequences and Carson County through part of the Panhandle City original sequences (i.e., not in microfilm). Group IV was covered as Randall County shares Amarillo city newspapers with Potter County. Group V was not covered.

Note that the newspapers covered do not go back prior to 1900. Table 2 (p. 3) shows newspapers available for the Panhandle prior to 1920. It also shows counties/cities that have data available prior to 1900 (designated as Y⁺). These are the *Dalhart Daily Texan* with one original issue dated 1890, *The Canadian Record* going back to 1895, and for Potter County/Amarillo Weekly News original paper issues dating from March 1898 to July 1901 (incomplete batch), and the *Daily Amarillo Journal* with one original paper issue dated 1899. These are all the data available prior to the 1900s at the Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin.

Tables 1 and 2 (pp. 3, 5-8) summarize different aspects of the project's coverage. Table 1 graphically summarizes by date and by county group and newspaper the number of issues covered and the number that are yet to be covered.

Quality

Table 1 (p. 5) is a graphic summary containing total sums of newspaper issues covered by year and by city/newspaper. You will notice that newspapers are labeled as "good quality" if these include in detail the daily events of the local townspeople and thus denoting a propensity to report an earthquake if it would have indeed happened. If events such as floods, typhoons, blizzards, or drilling for water, oil /gas discovery, town developments, etc. had been recorded, it is highly likely that a regional earthquake would have been recorded as well. A more detailed description of the newspapers will be offered at the front of each group's summary.

Completeness of the sequence was also taken into account. The majority of the newspapers that were covered are weekly (w) newspapers and thus a range between 38 and 52 is a good capture of the year. If both of these elements were present (completeness and detail) then the particular sequence would be labeled *good quality*. For instance, some newspapers only covered religious and philosophical

matters so the completeness of that particular sequence was not of any relevance to the study of earthquakes.

In this sense, the label "good quality" tends to support the confidence with which any conclusion will be made based on this documentation. The nature of such validity and reliability is determined by:

- ◆ number of issues;
- ◆ continuity and completeness in the newspaper series;
- ◆ condition; and
- ◆ an assessment of the objectiveness of editorial coverage and of the reportage content.

**Figure 1-Map of Panhandle Counties
by Group and Newspaper Availability and Coverage**

Group I	→	Dallam	Sherman	Hansford	Ochiltree	Lipscomb
Group II	→	Hartley	Moore	Hutchinson	Roberts	Hemphill
Group III	→	Oldham	Rotter	Carson	Gray	Wheeler
Group IV	→	Deaf Smith	Randall	Armstrong	Donley	Collingsworth
Group V	→	Parmer	Castro	Swisher	Briscoe	Hall/Childress

GROUP II	GROUP II	GROUP III	GROUP IV	GROUP V
Dallam	Hartley	Oldham	Deaf Smith	Parmer
Sherman	Moore	Potter	Randall	Castro
Hansford	Hutchinson	Carson	Armstrong	Swisher
Ochiltree	Roberts	Gray	Donley	Briscoe
Lipscomb	Hemphill	Wheeler	Collingsworth	Hall/Childress

Newspaper Sequences




	Available & Covered
	Available & Not covered
	Not available on MF prior to 1920

Table 1--Panhandle Newspapers Issues on Microfilm by Year, Group, and City Paper

Group	done & good quality					to do & do not know quality				to do & poor quality				recommended to do/ quality unknown						
	I					III				IV					II		V			
	Dallam/Har	Sherma	Hansfor	Lipscomb		Potter/Randall			Carson	D Smith	Randall	Randall	Armstro	Donley	Hemphill		Hall	Childress		
	w	w	w	w	w	bw/w (06)	w	d	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	
Newspaper/ city	Dalhart	Stratford Star	Hansford Headlight	Lipscombe Limelight	Higgins news	Twice a week Herald	SunM N	Daily Panhandle/ Origin	Panhandle Herald/ Orig	Hereford	Canyon CN	Randall CN, canyon	Claude	Banner, Clarendon	Canadian R (s. 1985)	Glazier	Estelene news	Childress Index	Childress Post	total
1900	Done									To do										0
1901																				0
1902																				0
1903																				0
1904					16															16
1905					15	10														25
1906					0	49														49
1907					0	45														45
1908					1	39														40
1909					0															0
1910					0		13													13
1911					0		3													3
1912	1			4	0															5
1913	9			38	8															55
1914	1	1	1	48	50			0												101
1915	0	1	0	47	48		4	0												100
1916	0	0	0	37	48		1	0												86
1917	5	0	34	35	52			0												126
1918	3	0	3	0	51			0												57
1919	0		44	20	39			0												103
1920	0																			0
1937	1																			1
subtotal	20	2	82	229	328	143	16	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	825

approx dates nov 2000 nov nov dec mar/apr jan 2001 feb march
 priority April

Table 2 below presents a detailed description of the microfilm newspaper sequence as they are available in the Texas Center for History. This table presents the date sequences available (as they are in the catalogue of the Texas Center for History) and also shows if any of these sequences are incomplete. Incomplete sequences (i) can be very inconsistent in the number of newspapers they contain per year. Inconsistencies are reflected and summarized in Table 1 where the exact number of issues available has been entered for each cell.

Table 2: Availability of newspapers Panhandle by County Group
(Covered and not yet covered Sequences)

Table 2--GROUP I

Group	Texas County	Prior to 1920?	City/	Newspaper ² & Date available (start-end date sequences of Microfilm unless otherwise marked)
I	Dallam	Y ⁺	Dalhart *	Dalhart Texan--Dec. 6, 1912- Aug 7, 1937
√ ³		⁴	Texline	Texline Tribune--Jan 14-Dec 1932
√	Sherman		Stratford	Stratford Star--July 30, 1914- Dec. 5, 1918
	Hansford		Gruver	Hansford city News--May 31, 1929-May 30, 1930
√		Y	Hansford	Hansford Headlight--1914-1918; May 1917-Dec 1919
			Spearman	Hansford Plainsman--Oct 15, 1929 - 1959 Spearman Reporter--Jan 2- Dec 18, 1930
	Ochiltree		Perryton	Ochiltree County Herald--Sep. 11, 1941- Aug 19, 1948 (i) ⁵
	Lipscomb		Booker	Booker News (1952)
√		Y	Darrouzett	Lipscomb limelight--Nov. 12, 1912- Jun. 5, 1919
√		Y	Follett	Lipscomb Limelight and Follett Times--Jun 12, 1919- April 15, 1971 (i)
√		Y	Higgins	Higgins News--Aug. 18, 1904-Nov. 7, 1919 (i)
√		Y	Lipscomb	Lipscomb Limelight--Nov. 1912-Jun. 5, 1919 (i) [same as Follett]

² Not all newspaper sequences available at C. A. H. have been included in this column, mostly what has been included are sequences that are pertinent to the earthquake study or the earliest available dates for a particular city.

³ √ = Sequences for that county have been covered (unless underlined)

⁺ Y⁺ = YES *plus* means that there are newspapers available prior to 1900 AND available prior to 1920 (most in original format, not MF); Y = available between 1900 and 1920.

⁴ Grey block = No newspapers available for that county or city prior to 1920.

⁵ (i) Means that periodical sequence is incomplete between such dates.

Table 2--GROUP II

Group	Texas County	Prior to 1920?	City/	Newspaper ⁶ & Date available (start-end date sequences of Microfilm unless otherwise marked)
II √	Hartley <i>Covered with Dalhart</i>	Y	Channing	Channing courier—Jun 24, 1904-Apr. 27, 1912
	Moore		none	
	Hutchinson		Borger	Borger Daily Herald—Jun. 21, 1929-Dec. 7, 1931; May 2-Jul 31, 1938
			Stinnett	Hutchinson County Herald—Oct. 21, 1932- Dec. 25, 1936
			Whittenburg	Phillips Reporter (w) Aug. 17-Nov. 9, 1934
	Roberts		none	
To do	Hemphill *	Y+	Canadian	Canadian Record—Aug. 22, 1895- Dec. 24, 1957 (i); Jun. 1, 1907-Jun. 25, 1936 (i)
To do		Y	Glazier	Glazier Review—May 2, 1913-Jul. 19, 1918

⁶ Not all newspaper sequences available at C. A. H. have been included in this column, mostly what has been included are sequences that are pertinent to the earthquake study or the earliest available dates for a particular city.

* Frohlich mentions earthquake after 1920s for that specific place.

Table 2--GROUPS III & IV

Group	Texas County	Prior to 1920?	City	Newspaper ⁷ & Date available (start-end date sequences of Microfilm as per Barker Center for History catalog)
III	Oldham		Vega	Vega Enterprise (w) ⁸ —Oct. 19, 1945-Dec. 23, 1992 (i)
✓	Potter	Y+ MF MF MF MF	Amarillo *	Caldwell Imprint—Nov. 6, 1907 Daily Panhandle—Mar. 17, 1908-Mar. 1, 1916 (i) reel 1 Aug. 16, 1909 <u>Southwest Plainsman</u> —Apr. 27, 1918-Apr. 18, 1935 (i) Sunday Morning Herald—Mar. 6, 1910-Apr. 23, 1911 (i) Twice Week Herald—Nov. 22, 1906, Apr. 23, 1911 (i)
✓	Carson	Y	Panhandle *	Panhandle Herald—Jun. 3, 1908-Dec. 29, 1951 (i)
	Gray		Lefors	Lefors News—Jun. 13, 1935-Sep. 11, 1936
			Pampa *	Pampa Daily—1927-1949 Morning Post--1931
	Wheeler		Shamrock	Shamrock Texan (1935-1969)
To do		Y	Story (misc. reel Spring-town - Sulphur Sp)	Wheeler County Texan—Jan. 8, 1904
IV To do	Deaf smith	Y	Hereford	Hereford Brand (w) Aug. 26, 1904-Aug. 1, 1918; Jun. 3, 1908-Dec. 29, 1911 (MF)
✓	Randall Shares Amarillo	Y	Amarillo *	(See above for Potter County)
To do		Y Y Y	Canyon (Misc. Canyon reel)	Canyon City News (w)—Mar. 20, 1903-Dec. 13, 1907 (i) Randall County News—Apr. 23-Aug. 20, 1914; Jul. 18-Aug. 1, 1918; Sep. 22, 1911 Stayer—Sept. 19, 1901-Dec. 7, 1902 (i)
To do	Armstrong	Y	Claude	Claude News—Nov. 16, 1906-Dec. 31, 1915 (i)
To do	Donley	Y	Clarendon	Banner-Stockman (w)--Jun. 24, 1904- Sep. 30, 1909 (i) Clarendon News—Jul. 31, 1914; Jul. 18- Aug. 1, 1918
	Hollingsworth		Wellington	(1935)

⁷ Not all newspaper sequences available at C. A. H. have been included in this column, mostly what has been included are sequences that are pertinent to the earthquake study or the earliest available dates for a particular city.

⁸ (w) = weekly, (m) = monthly, (d) = daily, (bw) bi-weekly, etc.

Table 2--GROUP V

Group	Texas County	Prior to 1920? ⁺	City/	Newspaper ⁹ & Date available (start-end date sequences of Microfilm unless otherwise marked)
V	Parmer		Farwell	(1932)
	Castro		none	none
	Swisher		Tulia	(1942-1982)
	Briscoe		Quitague	Quitague Post—(1945-1954)
To do	Hall	Y	Estelline	Estelline News (w)—May 3, 1913-Aug. 8, 1914
			Memphis	Memphis Democrat (1935)
		Y	Turkey	Turkey enterprise—Nov. 1, 1929-Jun. 5, 1954
To do	Childress	Y	Childress	Childress Index—Nov. 4, 1904; May 7, 1913-Oct. 11, 1916 (i) Childress Post (w)—Dec. 9, 1908-Aug. 12, 1913 (i)

Extent of coverage

Table 1 and Table 2 show the extent and scope of the newspaper coverage for the Panhandle project. Table 1 shows that, roughly, an estimated 47% was covered. This estimation is not corroborated by actual newspaper counts, but it is actually based on the number of newspapers as per Table 1. The total number of newspapers on this table is 19 of which 9 were covered. However, the number and nature of the newspapers remaining to be covered is yet to be assessed. It is highly unlikely that these sequences would be better in quality or sequence completeness than the ones that have already been covered. In terms of counties covered, Figure 1 (map) shows that of the 15 counties with newspapers prior to 1920, 9 counties were covered and 6 remain to be covered. From this perspective, this would reflect that 60% of the area was covered.

Recommended strategies to finish coverage

Table 1 also presents the newspaper sequences recommended to cover in order to finish this project. The first thing suggested to do is to look at the years where sufficient data has been obtained. These gaps are mainly 1900-1903, 1909-1912, and prior to 1900. I suggest prioritizing the collections from Hereford, Canadian, and Childress for three reasons: first, that they contain the abovementioned years, secondly that they seem to have good running sequences *as per the catalog*, and thirdly that with Childress and Hereford, the Southern portion of the region would be better covered geographically. My estimate is that it would only take another month to finish this process on a full-time basis.

⁺ Denotes newspapers that are available prior to 1900.

⁹ Not all newspaper sequences available at C. A. H. have been included in this column, mostly what is included are sequences that are pertinent to earthquake study or dates that show the earliest available for a particular city.

I will now turn to discuss in more detail the nature of the newspapers that were covered in this study and assess their likelihood to report an earthquake. This information will be presented by group of counties and by specific newspaper.

But first, I will present a brief summary of the Panhandle regional development as presented in the Texas Handbook on-line (www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online) to provide an historical background for the newspapers and a context for the information obtained from them.

Panhandle economic history: a brief overview ¹⁰

The Panhandle in the 1870s was undergoing a great transformation. The military phase clearing the way for development was over by early 1875. The hide men quickly felled most of the remaining buffalo with relatively minor interference from Indians, and the region lay essentially empty awaiting its next phase. Fort Elliott, placed in Wheeler County as a hedge against Indian outbreaks, supported white settlement with numerous essential services. In 1876 the Texas legislature marked off the twenty-six Panhandle counties from the Bexar Land District, thereby essentially completing the transformation of the region from a southwestern Hispanic cultural domain to an Anglo-American one.

Late 19th Century Settlement

In the 1870s, sheep grazing began on the western Canadian basin. Charles Goodnight found these areas settled by *pastores* when he moved his cattle from Colorado in 1876. Leaving the Canadian to the New Mexican sheepherders, Goodnight moved on to Palo Duro Canyon where, in partnership with James Adair, he built the JA Ranch. Almost simultaneously, Thomas Sherman Bugbee arrived in Hutchinson County and established the Quarter Circle T Ranch. Other pioneers soon followed, and the towns of Tascosa, Mobeetie, and Clarendon developed as the centers from which settlement, commerce, and political organization emanated. Their counties, Wheeler, Oldham, and Donley, were organized in 1879, 1881, and 1882, respectively.

The federal census of 1880 counted 1,607 persons in the Panhandle, including 1,198 Anglos concentrated in Wheeler, Hemphill, and Donley counties; 358 Hispanics concentrated in Hartley, Oldham, and Deaf Smith counties; and fifty-one African Americans, thirty-six of whom lived near Fort Elliott. The region's foreign-born represented eleven nations.

Although sheep ranching initiated the grazing phase, its dominance quickly gave way to cattle, which first came in herds of as few as 100 head, owned by

¹⁰ (Source: *The Handbook of Texas Online* at <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/> Austin, TX: Feb. 15, 1999)

cattlemen who took the best grass and water. Few followed Goodnight's lead when he purchased 12,000 acres of JA range. Individual enterprise soon gave way to corporate enterprise because the attraction of low-cost stocker cattle, low labor costs, the subsidy of free grass, and high market prices infused large amounts of capital from both the east and Europe. The first corporate giant was the Prairie Cattle Company of Edinburgh, Scotland. Another, the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Company, Limited, is the best known as the XIT Ranch. Corporate financial resources brought barbed wire fencing, deep-drilled wells, and windmills, thus enabling more effective use of pasturage away from surface water and the upgrading of herds through selective breeding

Early corporate ranching created a rather unstable economic base for development, because its very success attracted excessive investment, overstocking, bad management, and depressed prices, thereby making the industry vulnerable to speculation. The first attempts at farming, which came in the early 1880s, were equally unstable. Unusually severe winters and summer droughts in the mid-eighties devastated these settlements. Farming had to wait another generation for a new start. Though many ranches failed, well-managed ones survived, and a far better organized industry emerged. It became the foundation for a ranching industry that remains integral to the economy and culture of the Panhandle.

Railways

Every phase of regional development profited by completion of the Fort Worth and Denver Railway in 1888. In time, the Rock Island and Santa Fe joined the Fort Worth & Dallas in providing a region-wide rail network. Because the escarpments of the Staked Plains partly dictated routes, the rails crossed in the central Panhandle at the point where Amarillo was fortuitously located and made the town the center of regional cultural, social, and commercial life. Railroads determined the location of town sites, ranchers got far easier access to supplies and markets, and promoters of various sorts, especially railroad men, ardently boosted the Panhandle as the new garden for farmers.

The 20th Century

Not until well into the twentieth century, however, did improved dry-land farming techniques and the first steps toward irrigation, both backed by emerging technology and banking, assure stability of an agricultural economic foundation for the region. By 1917 beef, wheat, and cotton emerged as the basics of commercial production. Unusually favorable weather, markets impelled by World War I, and technological improvements blessed the efforts of producers who expanded acreage and increased production. The artificial demand and prices raised by the war, however, encouraged excessive production and cultivation of marginal lands better left to grazing (leading to ecological problems in the 1930s).

Oil and Gas—the 1920s

Fortunately for the Panhandle, a new and unanticipated industry burst upon the economic scene and permeated the fabric of regional life. Drawing upon the research of geologist Charles N. Gould, a group of entrepreneurs led by grocer Millard C. Nobles organized the Amarillo Oil Company, leased 70,000 acres of ranchland, and began drilling. Their first wells produced only natural gas, *but on May 2, 1921, Gulf-Burnet No. 2 produced the first Panhandle oil and encouraged further exploration.* In 1925 Dixon Creek Oil Company hit a vast reserve in Hutchinson County that yielded 10,000 barrels a day. Oil spawned numerous collateral industries and towns.¹¹

Communities such as Borger, Lefors, Pampa, and Dumas profited from oil. Amarillo became the corporate center of major oil companies. Abundant natural gas brought plants for extraction of carbon black, helium, and zinc smelting, while the marketing of petroleum products required construction of refineries and pipelines. The availability of moderately priced automobiles and cheap fuel brought a demand for better roads, and in the 1920s the Panhandle led Texas in the development of highways, including the legendary Route 66. Farm-to-market transportation flourished under the Rural Roads Act, and the combination of gasoline-powered transportation and paved roads strengthened Amarillo's position as the tri-state (Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico) trade center.

The Great Depression and the Dust Bowl

The arrival of the complex of oil-related industries could not have been more timely since they provided economic diversification after 1929. In fact, during the Great Depression they prospered and the oil counties grew in population.

Agriculture, by contrast, had to contend with the economic dislocations of the time as well as an ecological calamity induced by land abuse, unsuitable farming methods, severe drought, and abnormally high winds: the Dust Bowl. Many farmers, especially tenants, were driven from the land. Between 1935 and 1940 both the number of farms and property values declined sharply. Six agricultural counties lost more than 25 percent of their residents between 1930 and 1940; ten others lost more than 10 percent.

Within the first third of the 20th Century, the Panhandle regional economy shifted from agricultural production to mainly extractive industry, most of it related to oil production. This economic growth theme is the fabric into which all these stories are woven.

¹¹ The *Texas Handbook Online* has dated oil drilling to later dates than were found in newspapers. This has been recorded in the tables presenting summaries of findings for each newspaper in the next section. The earliest oil drilling date was found in the *Lipscomb Limelight* in 1914.

I have summarized highlights from the *Texas Handbook Online* and I also present summaries of the themes covered by the actual newspapers for that city in that county group. I have also included the actual articles in the Appendices for Group I and Group III.

The section that follows presents summaries for each of the newspapers per county group. The actual newspaper summaries are documented in the Appendix section as well.

Regional Cultural Identity

Reviewing these newspapers reveals that the Panhandle, besides being a geographical region in Western part of Texas, is truly a cultural entity with its own regional identity. Most of the Panhandle newspapers that I covered would integrate the information from the cities and counties surrounding them. This reporting would go as far South as Lubbock and as far Southeast as Wichita Falls. Much of the reporting also covers the neighboring territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. New Mexico's presence in the daily newspapers is also noticeable.

In the early years, the front pages of these newspapers cover much of the daily activities of the locals. Editors are quite sensitive to any economic development and their "ardent boosterism" is one of the major *raison d'être* of these newspapers in the first place. It is in the second decade of this century that I noticed an increasing concern with world and national affairs. In a regional scheme, Dallas, Austin and El Paso are major reference points as incipient railway infrastructures started to connect the Panhandle with the rest of Texas and the United States. The Santa Fe railway is featured prominently in the beginning of this century papers, as towns are much interested in the benefits of being integrated into this infrastructure. The Kansas-Rock Island railway was portrayed as being of great importance to the process of integrating the Panhandle economy into the larger regional and national markets.

The editors of the Panhandle newspapers formed an association from the early years of the 20th Century and their sole focus and intent was to attract investors and stabilize settlement into the area. Newspapers focused on reporting the local events of importance and these were *any developments* that took place in the region at large. Editors speak of "the Panhandle," yet it seems that the definition of this region was being forged based on a sense of affiliation as well as from surveyed and delimited boundaries. This is why reports from Shattuck and Roswell are included in the sense of "vicinity." I am calling this perceptual sense of place, a "conceptual region." This idea stems from the daily reportage of towns affiliated to a particular newspaper. In this sense, this "conceptual region" goes North-South, from Oklahoma to Lubbock and Plainview and East-West, from New Mexico to Vernon and Wichita Falls. In many ways this "sensed map" corresponds to Frohlich's maps of the 1925 (30 July) earthquake foreshocks where these were felt from Amarillo, to Childress, to Lubbock and Hobart, Oklahoma.

When considering the editor's goals to promote investment in the region, one may speculate that earthquakes would be considered a deterrent to such and thus

there would be a tendency to underreport such events. I find one article¹² mentioning after the San Francisco and Socorro earthquakes that the Panhandle is free of such calamities. However, daily front pages report on people dead by lightning, drought, plagues, illness, and other calamities affecting the region, thus I would argue that an editor would not be deterred from reporting an earthquake.

This conceptual region is also revealed in the early 20th century editorial conversations discussing whether Texas should be divided into regions along an East West axis or a North South one. In either case, in these speculations the Panhandle as described above, would remain intact.

Another factor in this “sense of region” is the railways. It is also a major factor in the integration and economic development of the area. In this scheme, due to its financing and railway infrastructure Amarillo became a city of great prominence in the early 20th century. Regional fairs took place in this city and Amarillo newspapers are quoted much of the time in the smaller city newspapers.

The relevance of this concept of a regional identity and its natural centering on Amarillo is that newspapers covered *important* events of all the counties within Groups I through V (as described above). Despite the local idiosyncratic qualities of the editorials, a clear grid of economic development unifies these voices and the papers are purposefully used to attract investment and to foster prosperity in the region as described above.

What qualifies as “important” in these newspapers varies greatly; nonetheless there is consistent reporting on developments such as bridges, railroads, road expansion, financing opportunities, land sales or exchange, investments, court reporting, oil and gas exploration, electricity- or gas-based lighting, irrigation advances, deaths, accidents, and phenomena such as drought, tornadoes, storms, floods, meteors, or anything that would be unusual to daily life in the area. Earthquakes around the world are featured prominently in these newspapers.

An earthquake perceived at least magnitude 5¹³ would be one large enough to be felt across several counties. It is from this and from my own observations from the newspapers covered that I would venture to say that enough newspapers were covered that would be likely to report an earthquake of such magnitude between the years of 1906-1908 and 1913-1919.¹⁴

Now we turn to a description each of these newspapers, their specific coverage and summary of articles of interest to the study of earthquakes or gas/oil exploration in the area.

¹² *Twice a week herald*, January 27, 1906, Amarillo, Potter County, Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin

¹³ Or similar to any of the earthquakes that Frohlich (1989) reports.

¹⁴ Frohlich says that: “the Mercalli scale measures intensity of shaking locally, and is not a measure of the size of the earthquake. However IF a Mercalli intensity of III occurred people would feel it, but it might only be people in a single town, not the entire Panhandle. On the other hand, a *Richter magnitude of 5 anywhere in the Panhandle would be felt at intensity of III or more over several counties* (Personal communication, electronic media, Austin, Texas, May 28, 2001).”

Group I: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, and Lipscomb

This group of counties is aligned West-East and constitute the furthest northern row in the Panhandle as per Figure 1 (page 3).

The Group I set of newspapers covers local events as well as those of neighboring areas--Glazier, Canadian, various Oklahoma and New Mexico cities and as far south as Pampa, Amarillo, and Canyon. Neighboring communities would send weekly notices to the editor so that events in their localities would be posted. Notices of changes in mail routes, deaths, disasters, marriages, births, and the like were likely to be published. Infrastructure development or damages to such developments were carefully reported (railroad and road bonds, market and economic shifts of other farming communities in the area, cattle raising information, real estate transfers, oil and gas exploration, fires, pest developments, disease, electricity, movie theatres, educational or trustee elections, car ownership, and the like).

*Newspapers Group I*¹⁵

Dalhart Texan—(Weekly).
Stratford Star— (Weekly)
Hansford Headlight—(Weekly)
Lipscomb Limelight—(Weekly)
Higgins News—(Weekly)

*Dalhart Texan*¹⁶ (Dallam County)

(8 page, 7 column weekly) Front page contains Fort Worth newspaper briefs and various articles on local and regional events of interest. Other columns in the newspaper cover school events, classifieds, science news of interest, and "Texas Industrial notes" (leasing bonds, railway bonds, road bonds in local and other potential investment opportunities in Texas).

*Stratford Star*¹⁷ (Sherman County)

(7 column, 6-8 pages, weekly) Front page covers local county district clerk notes, announcements of sales in other counties, and announcements for Governor. Regional, international and local news are included in the rest of the sections. Farming information, fashion, local crime, post office services, church notices, etc.

*Hansford Headlight*¹⁸ (Hansford County)

¹⁵ See appendices for a detailed summary of all newspapers covered and article of interest summaries.

¹⁶ Description based on 12/6/1912 newspaper.

¹⁷ Description based on 7/14/1914 issue.

¹⁸ Description based on 5/11/1917 issue as per box label.

(8 page, 6-column, weekly) The front page of this paper features inspirational church column and local news such as road development. Other sections include national war news, bank news, autos, storms, weather, court affairs, national policy statements on food production, news on seminars, the column "World news has brief war updates; "Texas News briefs" covers important information on legislature updates; includes reports from other cities like Spearman, Canadian (Denver-Canadian-Dalhart road development & Santa Fe Railway) and other counties like Ochiltree, and Oklahoma cities like Guymon.

*Lipscomb Limelight*¹⁹ (*Lipscomb County*)

(8 page, 6 column, weekly) Front page covers national, international, regional and local news of interest. The rest of the paper covers local coming and goings of the town's people and other news sent from the vicinity. It is mostly interested in "boosting" for the town and is a highly idiosyncratic newspaper. Columns are not consistently presented from issue to issue. For the first available two years (1912, 1913) the Limelight has little or no information from around the state.

Columns on following communities: Higgins, White City, Skunk Creek, Kiowa, Valley Park, Goodwin, Alfalfa, Glazier, Follett (reports appear about 1919). It also presents developments in Ochiltree, Hemphill, and other counties in the Panhandle.

*Higgins News*²⁰ (*Lipscomb County*)

(7-column, 8 page weekly) Reports mostly on local events. There are several columns spread throughout (placement is inconsistent from issue to issue) the paper that report on various community activities.

The front page is a mixed bag of local and some national and international news. At least 2 columns are used to advertise the local banks. Contains two or three columns on personal social notes.

"Territory topics" covers Oklahoma, Texas, and the Indian Territory.

Novels are part of this paper as well.

"Stock news" covers rancher's business news from all these territories.

A small Classifieds section is also available.

For women there are several columns "The Kitchen cabinet" and several fashion notes, for the family, there is the "Sunday School column." "Texas Facts" column on development statistics, there is also a column on highways and roads. On agricultural and livestock related instruction there are various columns: "Farm stock," "Poultry" column," and on mechanical instruction there are: "The electrical world," "Industry and Mechanics," "Science and invention," and a Doctor advice column.

"School-notes" reports on local honor rolls and covers mostly the Higgins schoolhouse. Regular columns for local news include information and letters sent from other towns (Glazier, Hopewell, Lipscomb, Prairie View and Oklahoma). There

¹⁹ Paper description based on various issues spanning 1912-1919.

²⁰ Description based on issue 2/19/1914.

is also a youth column that includes games and other pleasant amusements, and one column for bedtime stories.

The 1915 themes deal mostly with the War in Europe. Vicinity reports covered: Stillwater, Gillaloo (OK), Excerpts from Clarendon news appear in later years (1916); Follett (news appears in 1918), and in 1919 (1/31) there is an announcement to Higgins subscribers that their subscription to the Higgins News now includes issues of the Southwest Plainsman from Amarillo as a bonus offering. This shows Lipscomb's county affiliation with Amarillo at Potter County (central Panhandle).

Likelihood

Based on the extent and coverage of local news, all of these newspapers would be likely to report an earthquake.

Highlights and Summary of Findings for Group I

Dallam County²¹

Dallam County is noted for the Red River War 1874-75 (see below). Settlement by non-Indians began in the 1870s. By 1910 the population in the county was 4,001 and, at the time, it was an economy dominated by the ranching industry

Dalhart, County Seat

Settlement of Dalhart as a county seat in 1901 was a product of railway development. Important people during the early part of the century were the Editor of the *Denrock Sun* (Edgell), the Conlen family of the railways, Atkinson who was a developer, and Williams who owned the first water tower. Another important issue for Dalhart was news surrounding the XIT ranch. Dalhart was among first town to sell oil leases; in the 20th C was one of the first erosion control education centers during dustbowl period.

Biographical Highlights

Conlen was a Spanish American war veteran who in 1903 supervised the railway building in the area. Conlen, Texas is named after him.

Other Highlights

Conlen, TX was founded in 1903. A land grant of 3 million acres appropriated by 16th TX Legislature was used to finance the building of new State Capitol (old capitol building destroyed in 1881). This land grant covered portions of Dallam, Hartley, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro, Bailey, Lamb, Cochran, and Hockley counties.

²¹ (<http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/DD/hcd1.html>, accessed 5/18/2001).

The Red River War (1873-1875) was a series of military engagements fought between the United States Army and warriors of the Kiowa, Comanche, Southern Cheyenne, and southern Arapaho Indian tribes. It began when the federal government defaulted on obligations undertaken to those tribes by the Treaty of Medicine Lodge in 1867. It was an important event in Texas and South Plains history. Its importance lies in the virtual extinction of the southern herd of buffalo, the final subjugation of the powerful Comanche, Kiowa, and southern Cheyenne Indians, and consequently the opening of the Texas Panhandle to white settlement. The advent of the ranching era followed swiftly after this war.

Newspaper/ Source	Events of interest/ themes	Earthquake/Gas /oil developments
Dalhart Texan-- Dec. 6, 1912- Aug 7, 1937	1901--Denrock Sun was newspaper first published during early settlement years. Texas Industrial Notes--column covering economic events around the state. 1913--Road from Dalhart to Texline; Colorado to Gulf Highway going through Amarillo and Dalhart. 1917--consolidation of schools proposed. Middlewater school mentioned. 1918-- article mentions income brought in by sales of furs. Many war related articles and announcements. Election results of county clerk, district attorneys, county judges, county clerks; 1937 special edition is of interest as it reports stories from the early settlers (quarter of a century) people in Dalhart. Article on "Dallam county organized in 1891)	Frohlich (1998) mentions 1948 and 1982 earthquake activity for this city. 8/21/1918 Obituary—"Death of George Wisegarver." "His death was no doubt the result of injuries received while working oil wells in Cushing, Oklahoma."
Texline Tribune	N/A prior to 1920's	

Sherman County²²

Similar to Dallam, white settlement began in the 1890s; the 1890 population was 34 and by 1910 the county's population was 1376. Cattle ranching dominated the economy. Local noteworthy people in the 1890s were C. F. Randolph of the *Sherman county Banner* newspaper, the Spurlock Family who were in the drilling business (water and oil), Walter Colton the railway supervisor, and landowner C. E. Rudolph who settled Stratford. The county was named after Sidney Sherman and Coldwater was the original county seat.

Stratford, County seat

This was settled in 1895 when Aaron Norton bought 100 sections of land and Walter Colton named the town after a Virginia town. The population in 1910 was 600.

Biographical Highlights

Sidney Sherman moved to Harrisburg and with the financial support of investors bought the town and the local railroad company. The town was laid out anew and he organized the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railway Company, which constructed the first rail line in the state.

Other Highlights

In 1900 there were 18 ranches and farms in the county. The railroad set up the Standard Land Company (1904-1909) to sell land. Mechanization, both of oil drilling and farming, encouraged immigration into area.

Newspaper/ Source	Events of interest/ themes	Earthquake/Gas /oil developments
Stratford Star-- July 14, 1914- Dec. 5, 1918	1914--Announcements of sale of lands; nominations for Governor; election results; land sales companies such as Stratford Abstract, incorporated in 1907; Judge J. W. Elliott and several court proceeds reported; automobiles; state drought; various Sheriff, and Post Office (Spurlock); Christian Church for 100 people finished in Stratford City, War news and edicts on food supply, etc..	

²² Source: *Handbook of Texas Online*, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/SS/hcs10.html>, accessed 5/18/2001)

Hansford County²³

Similar to other counties in Group I, White people settled in the area after the Red River War and once the Comanches were removed in 1876. The county was organized in 1889. The county's population in 1880 was 18; in 1890 was 133, in 1900 was 167; and by 1910 it was 935 with 152 ranches. This county became later an important agricultural area that supported much wheat production.

Spearman, County Seat

Plotted in May 1917 in anticipation of construction of the North Texas and Santa Fe Railway, Spearman remained the terminus of the railroad until 1931.

Biographical Highlights:

John M. Hansford (?-1844) represented Shelby County in the House of Representatives of the Third and Fourth congresses of the Republic of Texas (1838-40) and in the former was chosen speaker of the House. In 1873 James H. Cator and his brother Robert, both buffalo hunters from England, established an outpost in what became Hansford County. J. H. Cator's children were also known as the Cator brothers and were well known in the area. Thomas C. Spearman was a Santa Fe railroad official.

J. H. Cator's sons found farming in the Panhandle to be different from what it was in England and were scorned by most Kansas frontiersmen. Soon they became enthusiastic over the buffalo-hide trade. Having had previous experience in hunting game, the Cators joined in this profitable business and killed 300 buffalo soon after purchasing new Sharps buffalo rifles. Between July 1 and September 1, 1873, the Cators killed nearly 7,000 buffalo and had in their employ seven skinners. When the Panic of 1873 caused the price of hides to drop momentarily, the Cators took up "wolfing" and killed over 600 gray wolves and coyotes for bounty. The success that the Cators enjoyed led to the establishment of the trading center at Adobe Walls the following spring. The Cator's, in fact, entered the post from their camp on Aroja Bonita Creek, in Potter County twelve miles away, the day after the Indian attack that took place on June 27, 1874. They continued hunting buffalo until 1877, when decimation of the herds prompted them to seek another occupation. Then subsequently became ranchers. After Hansford County was organized in 1889, James Cator was elected the first county judge and Arthur Land the first county treasurer; fewer than thirty ballots were cast. Bert Cator operated a lumber and grain firm in Hansford served as a county commissioner. Later, from 1898 to 1900, Leslie Cator served as county judge.

Other Highlights

Economy and population settlement—Farwell was another city founded in 1890. By 1900 there were 23 ranches and one important ranch was Turkey Track. Land companies after 1900 led to the arrival of both Anglo-American and immigrant

²³ Source: *Texas Handbook online*, Hansford County, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/HH/hch4.html>, accessed 5/18/2001

farmers. In 1909, for example, the Anders L. Mordt Land Company began to bring in Norwegians from the upper Midwest. They founded the farming community Oslo, and their Newspaper was *The Posten*.

In 1920 the North Texas and Santa Fe Railway built a line from Shattuck, Oklahoma, to its new town site of Spearman in southeastern Hansford County; in 1927, Gruver was established as a farming community.

Oil was discovered in Hansford County in 1937 and significant production began in the 1950s.

Railroad-- North Texas and Santa Fe Railways were chartered by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway on July 25, 1916 to build from Shattuck, Oklahoma, to Spearman, Texas. Local Panhandle Investors & First board of directors included F. C. Fox, E. A. Goeldner, J. N. Freeman, A. E. Meyer, Ray Wheatley, and Squire H. Madden, all from Potter County, Texas.

Buffalo hunting-- The number of hunters involved in the great hunts is not known, but an estimate for the northern range indicated that in 1882 there were at least 5,000 hunters and skinners at work. A good hunter would kill as many as 100 buffalo in an hour or two, and from 1,000 to 2,000 a season.

Adobe Walls--was the name given several trading posts and later a ranching community located seventeen miles northeast of Stinnett and just north of the Canadian River in what is now northeastern Hutchinson County. The first trading post in the area seems to have been established in early 1843 by representatives of the trading firm of Bent, St. Vrain and Company, which hoped to trade with the Comanches and Kiowas. In November 1864 Carson, now a colonel of volunteers, used the walls of Fort Adobe to rest his 300 men and their horses after sacking a Kiowa village during a campaign against the tribes of the southern Plains. The group withstood several Indian attacks at the fort before withdrawing (first battle of Adobe Walls). In 1874 200 to 300 buffalo hunters roamed the area, and trade at Adobe Walls boomed. After an Indian uprising called the second battle of Adobe Walls (June 1874) both merchants and hunters abandoned the site. Although the *Dodge City Times* advertised Adobe Walls as "a fine settlement with some twenty families, there never was a real community in the area except for the ranchers and their employees and families.

Newspaper/ Source	Events of interest/ themes	Earthquake/Gas /oil developments
<i>Hansford Headlight</i> —May 1917-Dec 1919	1917--Reports on war food supply; local events such as drought issues and what to plant; local VIPs comings and goings; in these dates there are Texas news briefs reporting on events such as road construction and disasters around the state; updates on the Texas legislature doings and mandates are announced; reports on economic growth statistics such as roads, bridge construction; vehicle numbers; bringing the railroad to the area, bank notes and bonds, tax proposals for roads; Commercial club organized and column for the front page; Spearman appears on the map in 1917 and the Headlight follows development; Various war news, food	April 1919-- First explicit mention of oil exploration in Hansford "Will try to find oil or gas--Land owners want to know what is beneath the surface"; 8/8/1919 test well development by Beaver Oil and Gas Co.

	<p>supply and conservation instructions by the national Food Department such as canning and what to plant in dry weather; and editorial letters; Chicago-Kansas-Wichita-Spearman-Hansford highway; The draft and various notices of those selected; Chautauqua; The D-C-D highway (Canadian Dalhart to ?); Farmer organization; Novels; Impeachment of Gov. Ferguson; Lynching in Houston; Mexican revolutionaries; 7/13 Follett appears on the market; Hansfordians start moving to Spearman; A & M in Abilene; UT closed and re-opened due to problems with Ferguson; Investors and their various announcements such as Bank support for planting wheat along the SFR (Santa Fe Railway); In all lands column has briefs on the Southwest of the US and usually deals with Texas events; county fairs; Crimes; Disease news from rabies to tuberculosis in cattle; (race) riots in Oklahoma and tried in Abilene, Texas (Farmer's and Labor Protective Association—F&LPA; I. W. W. yellow reportage); 1917-- school opened in Hansford; Governmental fixing of prices on coal and cotton; surrounding ranches public notices and needs; Del Rio-Canadian highway; Follett and Ivanhoe to be reached by train; Drought relief bill passed; Reporting on the birth of various local institutions such as the parent teacher association, Red Cross support, food conservation organization and their quotas; Church meetings, commissioner's "the dads" meetings, the different clubs of women for literary, sewing, entertainment purposes and their meetings and their announcements; various obituaries; telephone developments;</p> <p>1919--Burkburnett Texas oil development; West Texas Chamber of Commerce created; rumors of dividing Texas in two; Post man hired to come to Hansford from Guymon everyday and improvement of road to first class between these cities; Ranch sales; Railroad reaches Spearman and the Hansford Headlight and many others move to Spearman; 8/8/1919 Perryton appears on the map; Mr. Spearman buys land near Perryton and develops railroad there; 10/17/1919 Hansford oil derrick constructed;</p>	<p>10/17/1919 first oil derrick near Hansford.</p>
Hansford Headlight 1914-1918	<p>1918--New cars; boll weevils in Denton; taxes</p>	<p>8/21/1918—Searching for oil in Oklahoma</p>

Ochiltree County²⁴

By 1885, Henry W. Cresswell had purchased or leased most of the county and established the Cresswell Ranch. After 1900, Ochiltree County was mostly a ranching economy. Between 1900 and 1910, stock farming began to give way to wheat farming. The number of farms in 1910 was 264. In 1915, the population was 500. In the same year Ochiltree County had a courthouse, a jail, a school, a bank, and two churches. During WWI Poultry raising was a significant economic activity.

Perryton, County seat

The first county seat was Ochiltree. Perryton, was laid out on the railroad in 1919 and was named after George M. Perry (early county judge, who had been involved in the disastrous Enid, Ochiltree and Western railroad scheme). Perryton became county seat because of the new Spearman branch of the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway. Perryton's population in 1920 was 2000. In 1907 remains of a buried Indian settlement were discovered eighteen miles southeast of Perryton, and archeological investigation began in 1919.

Biographical Highlights

William Beck Ochiltree (1811-1867) was a Republic of Texas judge, secretary of treasury, an officer in the army of the Confederacy, and pioneer settler. Dee Eubank and Tom Connell arrived on Wolf Creek in 1879 and controlled much smaller acreage than the Cresswell Ranch. Joseph H. Plummer, buffalo hunter and freighter was also a local noteworthy personality.

Other Highlights

The Cresswell Ranch and Cattle Company was established in 1885; this was a new syndicate formed of English investors along with an old cattle company. Previously a Colorado herd was brought to the area in 1878 and increased the Bar CC cattle to 27,000 heads. Soon Cresswell expanded his range and became a favorite personality among his neighbors, including Robert Moody, Joseph Morgan, Dee Eubank, and Tom Connell. Wawaka was an established settlement of German immigrants in the west central part of the county by 1885.

Railroad town--In 1887 the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, a Santa Fe subsidiary, built a line from Kansas through Oklahoma into the Panhandle via Canadian and Panhandle (passed through Lipscomb; two day travel from Kansas).

Newspaper/ Source	Events of interest/ themes	Earthquake/Gas /oil developments
N/ A before 1920	Perryton ²⁵ was founded in 1919 (see Hansford & Higgins below)	

²⁴ Source: *Handbook of Texas Online*, Ochiltree County, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/OO/hco1.html>, accessed 5/18/2001.

²⁵ Frohlich (1998) mentions a Perryton earthquake incident in 1974

Lipscomb County²⁶

In 1542, Padilla and his companions (two Tarascans and one Portuguese) set out for the buffalo plains. Some accounts claim that they followed the Canadian River as far as the area of present Hutchinson and Roberts counties before turning north to Quivira. The area has been associated with Juan de Padilla, a Franciscan monk who came with Francisco Vazquez de Coronado, later returned to work among the Indians, and was martyred in 1544.

Lipscomb County was established in 1876. In 1880, the population was 69 people. The first settler was Alex Young, a small-scale rancher who settled on Kiowa Creek in 1877; that same year, Cresswell CC Ranch (centered in Roberts and Ochiltree Counties) spilled into the western portion of Lipscomb County. Ranching dominated the county for almost a decade, until the coming of the railroad in 1887. The railroad gave ranchers access to rail connections and brought settlers into the area. In 1890, Lipscomb County counted 68 farms and 632 residents. There was substantial out-migration to Oklahoma City in the 1890s and the population declined back to 1885-87 levels. In 1910, the population was 2,634. Lipscomb County is part of what has been called the 20th Century wheat culture, which was created by war market demands. By 1910, Lipscomb has had two newspapers, *the Panhandle Interstate* and *the Lipscomb County Limelight*. The population was 200 in 1910 and 175 in 1930.

Lipscomb, County Seat

Lipscomb was voted county seat in 1887. The county was named after Abner S. Lipscomb. In 1886, J. W. Arthur, anticipating the arrival of the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway, established a combination store and post office at the site. In 1908, the attempts to bring railroad were unsuccessful, as was the attempt of local businessmen to develop a coalmine in 1888, after a five-inch vein was discovered in the area.

Biographical Highlights

Abner S. Lipscomb (1789) was lawyer, justice, and secretary of state during the Mirabeau B. Lamar administration and was later appointed to the Alabama Supreme Court in the 1830s. Frank Biggers, the county's leading developer, organized the town company.

Other Highlights

Other ranches in 1878 were the Steven K, the Box T, and the YL.

Amongst other important towns in the area was Higgins. In 1886, when the Santa Fe Railroad made preliminary surveys, H. Eldridge and E. B. Purcell laid out the town, which they named for G. H. Higgins of Massachusetts, a wealthy stockholder in the Santa Fe. By 1888 a post office, a school, a saloon, a hotel, a livery stable, and several stores had been erected. The worst disaster occurred on

²⁶ Source: *Texas Handbook Online, Lipscomb County*, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/LL/hcl10.html>, accessed 5/18/2001)

April 9, 1947 with a tornado. The *Higgins News*, began operation in 1897; it replaced the earlier *Courier*, which started in 1888.

Follett and Darrouzett are towns created as part of railroad developments in 1917. Follett was named after Horace Follett, an engineer. Follett was a wheat and grain sorghum storage and distribution center. This helped give rise to its nickname: "Gateway to the Golden Spread."

Oil and gas exploration began in the 20th century and oil was drilled in 1956.

Newspaper/ Source	Events of interest/ themes	Earthquake/Gas /oil developments
<i>Lipscomb Limelight</i> — Nov. 1912-Jun. 5, 1919 (i) [this newspaper is catalogued as being the shared by Follett and Darrouzett}	Teacher institute, agricultural production news; concerned with having bonds to have railroad come to Lipscomb--an effort that did not come to fruition; climate and dust storm reports; Lipscomb Feed and Grist mill; The Broussard family and their doings; roads being built and notices; Shattuck, Oklahoma and the Beaver Dam oil Co; hoof and mouth disease; School districts news; food conservation and frugality during war time; Judge Greever (Gray County) assassinated; on the proposal to separate Texas in 3 sovereign areas; Fire at normal college in Canyon; cholera; Amarillo installs electric light poles; Prairie dog law; Lipscomb ISD; 1917—DCD: Dallas, Canadian, Denver highway; Glazier blaze; State news column appears; West Texas Chamber of Commerce; 1919--Influenza; Canadian will pave; Del-Rio Canadian Highway;	7/2/1914—The Beaver Dam Oil company (OK) 7/23/1914--Earl Danis found oil 59 ft. drill (Lipscomb) 1/27/1916-reports from well diggers in West Lipscomb County of having found oil (good enough to burn)
<i>Higgins News</i> — Aug. 18, 1904- Nov. 7, 1915 (i)	1904—Negro organizations; Indian territory news; boll weevil experiments (Guatemalan ants); 1905—immigrants; smallpox; 1913—Jack Johnson; 1914-Sudan grass; 1915—Foot and mouth disease; Judge Greever, assassinated; floods; new bridge for Wolfe Creek; Gerlach-Higgins mill; Railroad; Cowmen of the southwest; War; Annual Fair;	1914—Drilling for oil, machinery in Schultz (2/23/1917) 8 miles E [not clear if East of Higgins?]) 8/21/1914—"The only active Volcano in the US" Lassen Peak erupted
<i>Higgins News</i> — Reel 2: Jan. 1916-Dec. 1919	1916—death of Jasper Millhollon; 1917—oil well project; gas lighting in Higgins; Fire at Canadian; Mexican border raids; Amarillo Higgins, new road; oil prospecting; Chicago to El Paso road; UT re-opened; 13 th anniversary Canadian Record; General Maude; Texans volunteer for war; 1918—Hicks arrested and convicted for espionage in OK; Texas State guard and the border; (6/7) The eclipse; daylight savings; Influenza epidemic and daily reportage of deaths; 1919—the war ends and anti-Bolshevism begins; filing taxes; women suffrage; Follett appears in the news; Darrouzett, new town, formerly Lourwood; Perryton becomes county seat of Ochiltree; Lamb Oil Co. from Kansas invests in Hemphill; Hamilton Oil Co.; Red Cross drives; 4,651 deaths to tuberculosis in Texas; Electric light for city of Higgins;	1916—10 th anniversary of SF's earthquake 1917—(2/2) prospecting for oil; (2/23) Oil well operating 14 miles NE of Higgins; 1918—(1/11) stocks for shares in oil well 1919—(10/3) Mauna Loa erupts in Hawaii

Group III: Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler

This group of counties is the third one as presented in Figure 1 (page 3). This is the last group that will be presented because in the Center for History newspaper collection, Hartley (in Group III) is listed with Dalhart's newspaper and Randall shares the Amarillo newspapers (Potter County) summarized below.

In general, these newspapers are very similar to the ones presented for Group I, except that Amarillo developed into a larger city. Amarillo eventually became more affluent. Its newspapers have wires from the Associated Press. A detailed summary is presented in the Appendices for these counties as well.

Newspapers for Group III

The Twice a Week Herald, (Amarillo, Potter County) (1905-06)
[Becomes *The Weekly Herald* (11/1906)]
The Sunday Morning Herald Amarillo, Texas (1910-1911)
Panhandle Herald (Carson County) (3/1/1916)

Twice a Week Herald & Weekly Herald

Will Robinson, City Editor (3/31/1905 to 11/16/1906)

(7-column, 8 page, twice a week) Description of this newspaper is based on the 1/31/1905 issue. The Twice a Week Herald in these early days is mostly a local newspaper and the front page tends to cover the agendas of several clubs and also provides information on market prices of different commodities.

It reports diverse items that people send in covering local news of their communities. These are Witherspoon and Gough, Panhandle, Hudson, Stratford (reprints from the *Panhandle news*), Tascosa, Dumas, Vega, Groom, Canadian, Pullman, and Lockney.

"Weather story" is a column presenting a monthly account of the weather. It provides monthly info compiled by the Weather Bureau for the last 14-years. A "Miscellaneous phenomena" section records dust storms, hail, thunderstorms, blizzards, etc. (but mentions no earthquakes).

Railroad timetable is a schedule showing the railroad tracks available and functioning connecting Amarillo to other places in the Panhandle.

Toward 1906-1907 Associated Press²⁷ briefs become more frequent. These usually are reprinted to inform readers on national and international affairs.

The local bowery (saloon) gets a lot of press since there are a lot of brawls and most of the crime seems to come from this part of town.

²⁷ Abbreviated A.P. or AP

Other recurrent reportage—includes local crime stories, accidents, deaths; railroad news, poems, local comings and goings; essays on farm experiments: corn, flax, and hogs; marriages, games (baseball, inter-Panhandle games); real estate transfers, monthly statements on banks; store, business mergers, dissolutions or exchanges; and (in 1907) the 5,000,000 club, and Baracca class (religious study group).

The *Twice a Week Herald* becomes the *Weekly Herald* toward the end of 1906 (November) and the nature of the columns change. Most of the daily and local news are reprints from the “*Daily Panhandle*,” which according to UTCAT was absorbed by the Amarillo Daily News.²⁸

The Sunday Morning Herald (Amarillo, Texas 3/6/1910 through 4/23/1911)

(12-page, 8 column, weekly) This has 2 sections. Section 1 includes the front page and covers mostly international, national, and state news including amusement, society news, ads, and editorials. Section 2 is amusement, novels, and various themes such as, pork supply, railroad news, sports, court decisions and indictments, poems, school news, crime, accidents, storms, a column “With the churches” which covers events per church in town, etc.

Daily Panhandle [Originals (paper) Feb 28, Mar 2-3, 5, 14 of 1915; 3/1/1916; Box series: 1915-1916]

(8page, 6-column, and weekly) The originals are in bad condition. The abovementioned volumes were covered.

Likelihood

Based on the extent and coverage of local news, all of these newspapers would be likely to report an earthquake. Despite the condition that the *Daily Panhandle* is in, it would also be likely to report such an event.

Highlights and Summary of Findings for Group III

Oldham County²⁹

Oldham County is in the northwestern corner of the Panhandle, bordered on the west by New Mexico, on the north by Hartley County, on the east by Potter County, and on the south by Deaf Smith County. Vega, the seat of government, is thirty miles west of Amarillo. The area was named for Williamson Simpson Oldham, pioneer Texas lawyer and Confederate senator. Oldham County comprises 1,485

²⁸ This means that the *Weekly Herald* covers highlights from the *Daily Panhandle*. There is an overlap between these papers. So, the *Weekly Herald* summary can be assumed to cover *Daily Panhandle* for these dates.

²⁹ Source: *The Texas Handbook on-line, Oldham County*, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/OO/hco2.html>, accessed on 5/1/2001

square miles of relatively level grassland, broken by the Canadian River and its numerous intermittent tributaries.

Oil was discovered in the Oldham County in 1957.

Vega, County Seat

Vega, the county seat of Oldham County, is on Interstate Highway 40 in the southern part of the county. Its name is Spanish for "plain" or "meadow." As early as 1879 the area was opened by the state for homesteading. N. J. Whitfield became the first settler in the fall of 1899 when he purchased the future town-site. Early in 1903 he sold a 100-foot strip across the county's southern end to the Choctaw, Oklahoma, and Texas (later the Rock Island) Railroad as a right-of-way. In May of that year A. M. Miller and Howard Trigg surveyed the town-site. Miller opened the first store in 1903. The following year a post office and a saloon were opened, and a school, which doubled as a Masonic lodge, was also built. In 1907 ranchers Pat and John Landergin purchased part of the LS Ranch from the Swift Company. By 1915, when a special election moved the county seat to Vega, only fifteen people lived in Tascosa.

Newspaper/ Source	Events of interest/ themes	Earthquake/Gas /oil developments
Vega Enterprise	Not available prior to 1920	

Potter County³⁰

During the California gold rush, gold seekers passed through the area following trails blazed by Josiah Gregg in 1840 and by Randolph B. Marcy in 1849. Lt. James W. Abert and Lt. Amiel W. Whipple crossed the area during their surveys of the Canadian valley in 1845 and 1853. Comanchero traders and New Mexican *pastores* camped at Tecovas Springs, where the remains of a plaza are still evident. In the 1870s buffalo hunting decimated the herds that once roamed the area and forced the Indians to leave. In 1876 the Texas legislature formed Potter County from the Bexar District and ranchers soon found their way into the area. The subdivision of ranchlands in Potter County began in earnest after 1910, encouraged by the Santa Fe Railroad.

Settlement --Potter County settlement increased dramatically with the construction of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway across the Panhandle in 1887. By 1900 there were seventy-nine ranches in the county, and the population had increased to 1,820. New towns such as Bushland, Cliffside, Ady, Soncy, Pullman, and St. Francis sprouted up along the railroads. Largely because of the gas and oil boom, but also because of the expansion of farming in the area, the population of Potter County rose to 16,710 by 1920 and 46,080 by 1930.

Railroad--The Southern Kansas also obtained trackage rights over the FW&DC from Washburn to Amarillo. On April 12, 1908, when the Southern Kansas completed its own line from Panhandle City to Amarillo, the former Panhandle Railway Company line was abandoned.

Amarillo, County Seat

When the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway began building across the Panhandle in 1887, a group of Colorado City merchants chose the site to establish stores. In April 1887, J. T. Berry arrived from Abilene to plat the new town. Amarillo boomed as a cattle-marketing center. Bonds were voted for a two-story brick courthouse to replace the small frame building and for Amarillo's first school. On May 29, 1888 town lots were sold to the public by auction. Most of the lots sold for \$50 to \$100 each.

To attract the support of the workers of the LX Ranch, who constituted the majority of the county's qualified voters, Berry promised each of them a business lot and residence lot in his town. The election returns favored Berry's town site, which was renamed *Amarillo*. The railroad was completed into the town in October 1887, a post office a month after.

The county's first newspaper, the *Amarillo Champion*, began publication in May 1888, and that same year a school was established in the town. By 1894 Amarillo had three newspapers: H. H. Brookes' *Livestock Champion*, Frank Cates and A. R. Rankin's *Amarillo Northwest*, and J. L. Caldwell's *Amarillo Weekly News*.

³⁰ Source: *The Texas Handbook on-line, Potter County*, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/PP/hcp7.html>, accessed on 5/1/2001

Because of flood dangers, most of the town was moved to a new, higher site by 1890. The Amarillo Independent School District was formed in 1905, and by the following year a new stone courthouse and jail were completed. Amarillo grew from a population of 1,442 in 1900 to about 5,000 in 1906 and 9,957 in 1910.

Oil--Though very little oil was found in Potter County at this time, Amarillo quickly became the headquarters of such oil companies as Phillips Petroleum, Shamrock Oil and Gas, Magnolia Petroleum Company, and the Texas Company (Texaco), which built a large refinery just east of Amarillo. Gas was discovered in 1918 and oil three years later. The Panhandle added a zinc smelter, oil refineries, and oil-shipping facilities. In 1928 the discovery of the Cliffside gas field, with its high helium content, led to the establishment of the United States Helium Plant by the Federal Bureau of Mines four miles west of town. Helium production and zinc smelters also added to the local economy. By 1924 automobiles and buses had made Amarillo's streetcar system obsolete. As thousands of workers and others looking for opportunity flooded into the area, Amarillo's population jumped from about 15,500 in 1920 to 43,122 in 1930.

Biographical Highlights

The county was named for Robert Potter. In 1877, David T. Beals and W. H. Bates established their LX Ranch headquarters on Ranch Creek, near the north bank of the Canadian. The range of George W. Littlefield's LIT Ranch extended into the western portion of the county.

In 1880, the census found twenty-eight people, two of whom were black, living on the three ranches that had been established in the county by that time. In 1881 Henry B. Sanborn established the Frying Pan Ranch, with headquarters at Tecovas Springs. Warren W. Wetzel, the ranch bookkeeper and later Amarillo's first mayor, resided at the adobe headquarters. Other noteworthy individuals were J. T. Berry, Henry B. Sanborn, pioneers and investors.

William B. Plemons, the first county judge, had a prospective town-site near the head of Amarillo Creek. Two miles southeast was J. T. Berry's town-site of Oneida, in which Plemons soon merged his interest. Frank Lester, backed by Henry Sanborn, dubbed a third site Plains City, while Jesse Jenkins, a Tascosa saloon owner, promoted Ragtown under a new name, Odessa.

Other Highlights

Economy-- In 1899 the Santa Fe line established a large divisional office in the town and built an eight-stall engine house, a blacksmith shop, and a machine shop there. By 1904 the Southern Kansas, the Pecos and Northern Texas, and the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Texas railroads had also built lines through the county. In 1908 the Santa Fe extended a branch line to Canyon, Lubbock, and Sweetwater. Farms were beginning to be established in the county, but cattle ranching remained by far the most important component of the county's agricultural economy.

Oil & Gas-- The discovery of vast reserves of natural gas and petroleum in the region during this period fundamentally altered the local economy. A gas field

discovered in 1918 about twenty-five miles northwest of Amarillo was soon found to be the largest one in the world. In 1926 enormous oil deposits were found in nearby Hutchinson County.

The LX Ranch-- was established in Potter County in 1877 by W. H. (Deacon) Bates and David T. Beals, two enterprising Bostonians who had already started a ranch in 1875 on the Arkansas River near Granada, Colorado. In October 1910, the LX Ranch began its third phase when it was divided by sale to Joseph T. Sneed, Jr., Lee Bivins, and Robert Benjamin Masterson; the latter two acquired the larger portions.

Newspaper/ Source	Events of interest/ themes	Earthquake/Gas /oil developments
Amarillo, TX <i>The Twice a Week Herald</i> , 1905-06 Becomes <i>The Weekly Herald</i> in 11/1906	1905--Lamb wire fence ads; bridge construction; cultivation instruction and education; Game laws; border military relations; land transfers; opera house, gas plant and street car; new train tracks from Tulia; Pampa created; various expressions of concern on race relations (Negro & Mexicans); Public schools; new newspapers; Ranch sales Goodnight; earthquake clause (insurance for SF); Socialist causes; hurricanes, tornadoes, crime, and accidents; Cotton political economy; railroad extension and development; 1906--Federal building in Amarillo; Electric lights; Water Pierce court battle; Census finished; Panhandle Medical Association; National Park Bill; fed-beef experiment; Canadian (TX) develops LX county; Immigration growth; home remedies and cures; National Reserve Park convention; Palo Duro National Park; 1908--11,660 people in Amarillo; Flood damage Dallas; Mexican political upheavals; Prohibition; Negro church; Death of Frederick Castor; separate coach law; Armistice in Ciudad Juarez	9/12/1905--proposed gas plant 1/27/1906--Earthquakes in NM 8/21/1916--Chilean earthquake 8/28/1906--Earthquake suits (insurance S. F.) 10/21/1906--Puerto Rico earthquake 11/22/1906--earthquake in Australia 1/3/1907--(Dec. 23, 1906) Shock at El Paso 1/17/1907--Earthquakes in Jamaica and Russia 1/31/1907--Earthquake in Solomon Islands, Kingston and Tasmania; Perceived changes in oil production due to Jamaican earthquake 9/12/1907--Aleutians earthquake 10/31/1907--Earthquake in Russia kills thousands 7/9/1908--Earthquake on Pacific coast USA
The Sunday Morning Herald Amarillo, Texas, 1910-1911	Negro Church	
Panhandle Herald (Carson County) 3/1/1916		

Carson County³¹

Carson County is in the center of the Panhandle and on the eastern edge of the Texas High Plains, and is bounded on the north by Hutchinson County, on the west by Potter County, on the south by Armstrong County, and on the east by Gray County. Carson County was named for Samuel P. Carson, the first secretary of state of the Republic of Texas. The center of the county lies at roughly 35°25' north latitude and 101°22' west longitude

Ranchers appeared in Carson County in the early 1880s. The JA Ranch of Charles Goodnight and John G. Adair and the Turkey Track Ranch both grazed large ranges in Carson County by 1880. In 1882 Charles G. Francklyn purchased 637,440 acres of railroad lands in Gray, Carson, Hutchinson, and Roberts counties, 281,000 of them in Carson County. The newly formed Francklyn Land and Cattle Company, with B. B. Groom as manager, attempted to ranch and farm on a large scale, but failed. The lands of the Francklyn Company were sold to the White Deer Lands Trust of British bondholders in 1886 and 1887.

Population--As the county's economy developed between 1900 and 1930, its population rose. In 1910 the census counted 2,027 residents in Carson County, and by 1930 the population had increased to 7,745. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, however, agricultural production dropped off, and many local farmers were forced to leave their lands. Cropland harvested in the county dropped from 220,734 acres in 1929 to 180,971 in 1940; the number of farms dropped during the same period from 542 to 493. The population of the county as a whole declined by 15 percent during the years of the depression falling to 6,624 by 1940.

Oil and gas--During the 1920s and 1930s the oil and gas industry became another major component of Carson County's economy. Experimental drilling by Gulf Oil Corporation led to the county's (and the Panhandle's) first oil and gas production in late 1921. Little activity occurred, however, until the discovery of the huge Borger field, thirty miles north, in 1925, when a wave of oil exploration and production swept the Panhandle, including Carson County. By the end of 1926 the county had produced over a million barrels of oil and had also emerged as a large natural gas producer

Panhandle, County Seat

Panhandle City, a temporary railhead, was founded in 1887 in anticipation of the railroad line, which finally reached the town in 1888. The town grew, and its occupants hoped that another rail line, the Fort Worth and Denver City, which was building from Fort Worth across the Panhandle to Colorado, would pass through their city. As it happened, the Fort Worth and Denver City missed Panhandle City by fourteen miles to the south, just touching the southwestern corner of the county. In 1889 the two lines were finally linked by a fourteen-mile span between Panhandle City and Washburn, a station on the Fort Worth and Denver City. By 1890 Carson

³¹ Source: *Texas Handbook online*, Carson County, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/CC/hcc6.html>, accessed 5/1/2001.

County had a rail network, and its first town, soon known simply as Panhandle; that year, the United States census listed twenty-eight ranches or farms in the area, and 356 people were living in the county, all of them white and twenty-nine of them foreign-born.

Water had to be brought to the Panhandle by railroad from the area of Miami in Roberts County, then carried in barrels on wagons to homesteads. This problem hindered development until it was found that abundant underground water could be pumped to the surface by windmills. That discovery, together with the selling of White Deer lands to small ranchers and farmers in 1902, greatly increased the area's attractiveness.

Newspaper/ Source	Events of interest/ themes	Earthquake/Gas /oil developments
Panhandle Herald	available only in original format—nothing available between 1914-1920	

Gray County³²

Lefors is located near the center of the county, and Pampa, the county seat, is about twelve miles away in the northwestern corner. Pampa is approximately sixty miles northeast of Amarillo on U.S. Highway 60.

Gray County, formed in 1876 out of the Bexar District, was named for Peter W. Gray, a lawyer and politician of the Republic of Texas and Civil War eras. The county's prehistoric Plains Apache inhabitants gave way to the Apaches, who in turn were displaced by the Comanches and Kiowas. These peoples dominated the Panhandle until they were crushed in the Red River War of 1874 and removed to Indian Territory.

With Gray County cleared for settlement, ranchers began to reach the region as early as 1877. In 1878 a well-known local rancher, Perry LeFors, established a small ranch on Cantonment Creek. Other small ranching operations developed in the eastern part of the county. In 1882 the Francklyn Land and Cattle Company purchased a huge tract of land that included the western part of Gray County. The company failed in 1886 and was reorganized as the White Deer Lands (formally the White Deer Lands Trust of British bondholders), which operated the huge Diamond F Ranch. For the rest of the nineteenth century Gray County remained the domain of cattle ranchers.

Pampa, County Seat

The plan for the town-site was approved on April 14, 1902.

Newspaper/ Source	Events of interest/ themes	Earthquake/Gas /oil developments
Not available prior to 1920 in microfilm	not available prior to 1920 in microfilm	

³² Source: *Texas Handbook online Gray County*, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/GG/hcg8.html>, accessed on 5/1/2001

Wheeler County³³

Wheeler County is on the eastern edge of the Panhandle of Texas, along the Oklahoma border. The center of the county is at 35°25' north latitude and 100°15' west longitude. Wheeler, the county seat, is three miles northwest of the center of the county and 100 miles east of Amarillo. The area was named for Royal T. Wheeler, the second chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

The small camp of Sweetwater was chosen to be the county seat; the settlement was renamed Mobeetie in 1880, when a post office was established there.

The Santa Fe Railroad, building into the Panhandle in 1887, had missed Mobeetie by twenty miles, but in 1902 the Rock Island built westward across the Panhandle from Oklahoma to Amarillo, and along it several town sites were developed: Crossroads, Lela, Shamrock, Norrick, and Benonine.

The evolution of the economy also contributed to the county's government being moved in 1907 from Mobeetie to Wheeler, which was located closer to the center of the county.

Oil and gas--In 1923 a successful gas well near Shamrock launched a moderate oil boom. The first producing oil well was drilled in 1924, and by the end of the 1920s the entire southwestern part of the county was honeycombed with oil and gas wells, tank batteries, and pipelines. Magic City and Kellerville developed as small oil centers. Oil and gas discoveries also led to more railroad construction. The Santa Fe extended a line from Clinton, Oklahoma, to Pampa in 1929, crossing the northern part of Wheeler County.

Wheeler, County seat

Wheeler, the county seat of Wheeler County, is at the junction of U.S. Highway 83 and State Highway 152, near the geographical center of the county. Both the town and the county were named after Royal T. Wheeler. The vicinity was first settled by ranchers as early as 1881, and by 1886 five families lived there. The town had its real beginning in 1904 through the enterprise of two ranchers, Robert B. Rogers and J. E. Stanley, who surveyed the land, built their homes on the site, and began the movement to choose a centrally located county seat in preference to Mobeetie.

Newspaper/ Source	Events of interest/ themes	Earthquake/Gas /oil developments
No papers available prior to 1920		

³³ Source: Texas Handbook online, Wheeler County, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/WW/hcw7.html>, accessed on 5/29/2001

Part II: Historical Research in the El Paso Region

This section will present the facts of a preliminary search of the University of El Paso's special historical document collections pertinent to a study. First, I will present summaries with two of the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) faculty and staff who gave some guidance as to the possible directives for this project. And secondly, I will present a summary of guidelines derived from the resources available at UTEP. A summary describing the collection materials has been added to the Appendices.

Need for the study

An assessment of the archives concerning the El Paso region and what earthquakes may have been felt in El Paso is important to those who are concerned in understanding earthquakes in order to predict possible future ones. The importance of El Paso region from an earthquake perspective stems basically from the fact that the two largest known historical earthquakes in Texas with Richter magnitudes of about 6.0 both took place in West Texas (1931 and 1995). Further, Frohlich says: "Although neither (of the earthquakes abovementioned) did serious damage in El Paso, both were actually some distance away but on geological formations that are not unlike some which are closer to El Paso. And, where magnitude six earthquakes occur, magnitude sevens may be possible. However, the most certain indication that an area is subject to damage from earthquakes or risk from earthquakes of a given size (such as seven) is not an argument... but rather historical information that damage or earthquakes of that size have actually occurred." Doing historical research of newspapers and other collection materials to draw a timeline of seismic activity in the El Paso region could help assess risk from future activity.

Support for the Study

Resources and Research Partnerships at UTEP

The University of Texas at El Paso possesses a formidable collection of local newspapers and also of rare documents.³⁵ It is a great resource that has been untapped and there are many parties interested in going through these documents and entering the information into a computerized data base or any other systematic approach to indexing these vast amount of documents on microfilm and original formats.

Dr. Diane I. Doser, Ph. D. ³⁶

³⁴ Frohlich, personal communication, electronic media, Austin, Texas, May 28, 2001.

³⁵ See appendix for summary descriptions of potential items for se from the UTEP collection.

³⁶ Doser@geo.utep.edu, this meeting took place at El Paso, Texas on Wednesday March 28, 2001, at the Department of Geological Sciences, UTEP.

Interest in this project—Diane Doser is a professor of the UTEP department of Geological Sciences who has a special interest in seismology. The idea of pursuing this line of research at El Paso appealed to her. She expressed interest in exploring diverse avenues for researching seismic activity and added that it would be very useful to know if there had been previous earthquakes in the area. Doser stated that this information might provide a better sense of the potential for future earthquakes in the area. How people perceived past earthquakes is important and what levels stimulated recording is an aspect of this study that interests her. She felt that regardless of findings, establishing a methodology for historical earthquakes might help researchers in other areas of the world. Another benefit of undertaking this research is that of indexing the newspaper and the special collections. This would be beneficial for others doing research with the materials from the rare collections of UTEP and the El Paso Public library (see summary for Claudia Rivers below).

Strategies--Doser suggested that to obtain information before the 1890s that Chihuahua would be important as mining activity records are available and date back prior to American settlement. She also suggested checking the Chihuahuan records first and then seeking parallel information in other archives, such as in the records for the states of Sonora or Durango (in Mexico), and Socorro (New Mexico). She suggested as a strategy to check the records of Chihuahua and then check for reports in the other archives. She said that this would be an interesting way of understanding how people perceive earthquakes and what magnitudes actually prompt news reportage. According to the UTEP seismograph, Chihuahua and El Paso have earthquakes on a weekly basis (of low magnitudes)--yet none of these are reported.

Diane cited her work (Doser & Rodriguez, 1993) and offered a list of resources that she used for this paper. She suggested the use of "test earthquakes" to check the collections' likelihood to report earthquakes. As an example, she suggested seeking materials for the 1887 New Mexico (Socorro) quake that caused extensive damage in El Paso. This could be a good "test" to refine the final research methodology and focus the search to newspapers where these were found.

Funding—Doser suggested that an undergraduate student could do this work (as her own 1993 work was researched in part by an undergraduate student). She mentioned it could be either a history student or a geology student. The dean of graduate school is a historian who might provide additional funding. Collaborating with the history department would also be helpful as they are in charge of the collection of Chihuahua's historical document and are familiar with it. The head of the rare collection, Claudia Rivers (see below) would also be interested in the use of these materials.

*Claudia Rivers,³⁷ Head of the Rare Collection,
UTEP Library*

This section provides a summary of Claudia Rivers' suggestions for this project and her potential involvement. It also outlines findings of a search that took place at the time.

Claudia provided several suggestions as to how the UTEP's rare collection could support the Historical Earthquake Research Project for the El Paso Region. Microfilms are available on inter-library loans (3 reels at a time). Please see the appendix for reference materials mentioned in the following sections.

Database search—Claudia directed with me a preliminary database search through an index that is already in computer format. We did a preliminary word search on (1) the Juarez Municipal Archives (MF 513, rolls 1-73) and (2) Chihuahua Municipal Archives (*El Archivo de Hidalgo del Parral*, MF 476, roll 5 [1722] through 17 [1724]) and searched for the following words: earthquake, temblor, seismic, shocks, shock, damage, *sismo*, *terremoto*. This search produced no records for earthquakes. (3) I executed a similar search through The Southern Pacific Railroad, Rio Grande division Records (MSO77 UTEP) as they have a partial inventory in this database. This search produced no records as well. This does not exhaust the materials but it was a preliminary process that oriented and focused my search through the rest of the collection.

Durango rare document collection—Claudia also pointed to the Durango historical municipal archives (MF 492, 466 reels—mining related). Some of these may go back to 1570s.³⁸ Doser advised to check on these materials. A list of what should be possible and reasonable to work with was compiled below, but the appendix also shows these materials.

Potential involvement and collaboration—Claudia said she could provide support to this project on a consultant basis and in times of need. Some of these documents are quite unique and challenging. She also knows of other sources in Ciudad Juarez to do research and could provide orientation in this regard. Javier Coterá, an important architect from Ciudad Juarez who lives in El Paso, might be able to provide architectural information regarding Ciudad Juarez and perhaps guide the researcher to documents of old cathedrals and the like that may help provide studies or dates of earthquakes prior to the 1800s.

El Paso Public Library—Claudia also mentioned that the El Paso Public Library has printouts of weather reports and statistics that go back to the 1890s. The director of the Public Library, Carol Brey (BreyCX@ci.el-paso.tx.us) is currently trying to get support to index their El Paso newspaper collection, which dates back to the 1890s (it is possible that this is the one at UTEP library). They would greatly benefit if the newspapers were indexed while they were being scanned for

³⁷ crivers@miners.utep.edu, this meeting took place at El Paso, Texas on Tuesday March 27, 2001, at the Special Collections Library, at the main library, UTEP.

³⁸ Since this city is remote from El Paso, Doser suggested to consult these archives if activity was found in Chihuahua first.

earthquake activity. Currently this is being attempted on a volunteer basis, however, this has not been effective.

South West Micropublishing—An alternative strategy suggested was to contact this business as they specialize in scanning and digitizing microfilm and having the capacity to do searches once the scans are done. If sufficient interest arises there may be joint funding to achieve this. The name of the contractor is Jim Parke and his telephone number is (915) 562-4525.

History Department--Both Doser and Rivers mentioned that Cheryl Martin and her husband, Charles Martin, from the history department, would be great resource and also potential partners in this project. Many of the Chihuahua documents were collected thanks to Cheryl Martin's efforts. She is familiar with the older materials (pre-1800s) and thus she would be an invaluable source of guidance for this research (Cheryl Martin's e-mail is cmartine@utep.edu and Charles Martin's e-mail is mcharles@utep.edu).

Materials available

Table 3 (below) presents a summary of materials suggested for use for this project. It is followed by a summary of *suggestions* outlining a potential strategy to cover these materials. This should be subject to further revision as more information is attained by consulting experts, or further decisions are made such as whether to digitize the documents or not, or any other information obtained as the process unfolds and will serve to refine this document search.

Table 3: UTEP Materials at a Glance³⁹

PART I Prior to 1900s	COLLECTION	SOURCE/ TYPE	NAME	DATES/ APPROX. No. OF REELS	SUGGESTIONS
	Microfilm Collection	American Newspapers	El Paso Times	1889-to date	Likely to report (daily). Would use as parallel source to the weekly El Paso Herald (below).
	Microfilm Collection "	"	<i>El Paso Herald</i>	<i>1881-1931 21 reels prior to 1900</i>	<i>Start with this one.</i>
	<i>Border MF Collection</i>	"	<i>The Bullion</i>	<i>1883-1893 3 reels</i>	<i>Parallel source to the above</i>
	MF collection	Mexican Newspapers	El Periódico Oficial de Chihuahua	1829-1971 109 reels total 15-18 reels	Use this prior to the 1880s and look through the newspapers interspersed with this newspaper
	"	Index/ guide	Guide to the microfilm collection of the Periódico Oficial de Chihuahua		Consult index for earthquakes or damages
	"	"	El Periodico oficial de Durango	1833-1973 4-5 reels prior to 1900	I would use as parallel source for the above

³⁹ Please see the Appendix section for a summary of *all* the materials reviewed. The tables herein are *only* summarizing sources suggested for use.

Table 3 (continued)

PART II PRIOR TO 1830s	COLLECTION	SOURCE/ TYPE	NAME	DATES/ APPROX. No. OF REELS	SUGGESTIONS
	MF collection	Training/ guide	Handbook for early Spanish documents		Consult this prior to using manuscript archives.
	"	Border collection MF 501	Supplementary to the Chihuahua Municipal archive.	1713-1937 61 reels total 1 reel (# 5) covers 1710-1807	Would scan for documentation prior to 1830s
			Archivo de Hidalgo del Parral	1631-1821 Reels 1-222 (1631-1733) Perhaps 20 reels 1700-1730s	Section 2 covers Mines
	"	Guide	Index to Archivo del Parral		Consult prior to going over mine section
	"	MF 509	Nuestra Sr. La Purisima	1840-1878 2 reels	Would scan to see if it notes records of damage to church
		MF 492	Durango Government Archives Index produced by Michael M. Swann	1578-1957 466 reels total Perhaps pertinent reels amount to 10	Consult index to see with more precision if Mine reports are available from the Durango Government Archives. If so, could be useful as a secondary source to the above. <i>This one could push the record to the 1600s.</i>
	Books				
		Special Collections	Griggs' <i>Mines of Chihuahua</i>		Worth scanning as preliminary preparation to searching through the microfilms
		Main Stacks HD9536.H324M55 1980	Hadley's Mining Dissertation		"
		Main Stacks QE203.S54 G46 1992	Geology and mineral resources of northern Sierra Madre Occidental,		"
	Approx. number of reels			80 reels ⁴⁰	

⁴⁰ This count does not include the potential parallel sources to be searched after findings.

Feasibility and strategic guidelines for project implementation

Part I ⁴¹--The late 19th and early 20th Centuries

El Paso Herald and *the Times* cover very similar periods (1880s-1900s). The reason why I suggest to start with the weekly newspaper is because this could be a good way of looking at the whole period and verifying findings with the daily newspaper. This is of course a suggestion. If both newspapers were used, it would be 100% confidence level for the findings. It is a research call whether it would be preferable to go through the daily first, the weekly, or both. Regardless of whichever newspaper is chosen to begin this project, *The Bullion* would definitely be an important source. However, it only covers a decade or so. Overall, the American materials cover well from the decade of the 1880s to the 1900s.

For the Mexican newspapers I am suggesting to use the *Periodico Oficial de Chihuahua* as a primary source as it is a good collection that covers from 1830s to date. I estimate that prior to 1880s there are about 15-18 reels. This newspaper comes accompanied by a Guide, which will be useful to consult prior to the actual scanning of the reels. I would then check the *Periódico Oficial de Durango* to assess the type of coverage of that newspaper, as it may be a valuable secondary source as well.

Feasibility--About 45 reels of microfilm are involved in Part I. It seems that it is feasible to cover these materials in one semester (14 weeks) by one person on a part-time basis. Of course this depends on the needs of the various partners in this project. If the historians and the librarians only want an index to these collections, I estimate that it is possible to cover these reels plus the additional ones to use as secondary or parallel sources, which were not taken into account in the reel count above.

Part II--The early 19th Century and before

Several of the Chihuahua archives come with a guide. I do recommend looking at those prior to the actual scanning of the microfilm reels. Though I did a preliminary search on a computer database, I did not have the time to assess this resource more thoroughly. Consultation with Cheryl Martin might also be helpful prior to the actual scanning of the microfilms. Doing this might affect the following suggestions.

In order to document prior to the 1830s using these materials, there are various options. I would start with the handbook for Early Spanish Documents and then move to the Supplementary Archive of the Chihuahua municipal archive. This

⁴¹ For the first part of the project, I would do a "test" of the newspapers mentioned here for the 1887 earthquake in Bavispe.

would cover from 1710 through the 1830s. Based on the findings for this archive, I would then turn to the *Archivo de Hidalgo del Parral*, and search the Mines section.

On the church records, I would scan the 2 reels for the *Nuestra Señora de La Purísima* as these are only 2 reels. And finally on the Durango archives, I would check the index first. Durango was a city of great regional importance because of its mining industry, thus I would test this archive against the findings of the first two searches (Supplementary Chihuahua Municipal and Hidalgo del Parral). There may be important documentation here worth the time and effort.

Feasibility--Covering these archives could be a good way of adding a 100 year record to the earthquake research in the El Paso area. As mentioned under the meetings summaries, this exercise might be worth simply for the potential value of establishing a methodology for historical earthquakes using these types of records, which could then affect other researchers elsewhere in the world. This second part could take at least two semesters. The researcher might need some training and expert support while attaining familiarity with the documents. (Please see the attachment for an assessment for each of these documents.) This is another benefit to this project. It is an excellent training opportunity for students interested in History or Geology or both.

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Group I	City	
Dallam	Dalhart	<i>Dalhart Texan</i> --Dec. 6, 1912- Aug 7, 1937
	Texline	<i>Texline Tribune</i> --Jan 14-Dec 1932
Sherman	Stratford	<i>Stratford Star</i> --July 30, 1914- Dec.-5, 1918
Hansford	Gruver	<i>Hansford city News</i> --May 31, 1929-May 30, 1930
	Hansford	<i>Hansford Headlight</i> --1914-1918; May 1917-Dec 1919
	Spearman	<i>Hansford Plainsman</i> --Oct 15, 1929 - 1959
		<i>Spearman Reporter</i> --Jan 2- Dec 18, 1930
Ochiltree	Perryton	<i>Ochiltree County Herald</i> --Sep. 11, 1941- Aug 19, 1948 (i) ³⁴
Lipscomb	Booker	<i>Booker News</i> (1952)
	Darrouzett	<i>Lipscomb limelight</i> --Nov. 12, 1912- Jun. 5, 1919
	Follett	<i>Lipscomb Limelight and Follett Times</i> --Jun 12, 1919- April 15, 1971 (i)
	Higgins	<i>Higgins News</i> --Aug. 18, 1904-Nov. 7, 1919 (i)
	Lipscomb	<i>Lipscomb Limelight</i> --Nov. 1912-Jun. 5, 1919 (i) [same as Follett]

³⁴ (i) Means that periodical sequence is incomplete between such dates.

Newspapers (continued)

Group II	City	
Hartley	Channing	<i>Channing courier</i> —Jun 24, 1904-Apr. 27, 1912
Moore		None
Hutchinson	Borger	<i>Borger Daily Herald</i> —Jun. 21, 1929-Dec. 7, 1931; May 2-Jul 31, 1938
	Stinnett	<i>Hutchinson County Herald</i> —Oct. 21, 1932- Dec. 25, 1936
	Whittenburg	<i>Phillips Reporter</i> (w) Aug. 17-Nov. 9, 1934
Roberts	none	
Hemphill	Canadian	<i>Canadian Record</i> —Aug. 22, 1895- Dec. 24, 1957 (i); Jun. 1, 1907-Jun. 25, 1936 (i)
	Glazier	<i>Glazier Review</i> —May 2, 1913-Jul. 19, 1918
Group III	City	
Oldham	Vega	<i>Vega Enterprise</i> (w) ³⁵ —Oct. 19, 1945-Dec. 23, 1992 (i)
Potter	Amarillo	<i>Caldwell Imprint</i> —Nov. 6, 1907
		<i>Daily Panhandle</i> —Mar. 17, 1908-Mar. 1, 1916 (i); Aug. 16, 1909
		<i>Southwest Plainsman</i> —Apr. 27, 1918-Apr. 18, 1935 (i)
		<i>Sunday Morning Herald</i> —Mar. 6, 1910-Apr. 23, 1911 (i)
		<i>Twice Week Herald</i> —Nov. 22, 1906, Apr. 23, 1911 (i)
Carson	Panhandle	<i>Panhandle Herald</i> —Jun. 3, 1908-Dec. 29, 1951 (i)
Gray	Lefors	<i>Lefors News</i> —Jun. 13, 1935-Sep. 11, 1936
	Pampa	<i>Pampa Daily</i> —1927-1949
		<i>Morning Post</i> --1931
Wheeler	Shamrock	<i>Shamrock Texan</i> (1935-1969)
	Story	<i>Wheeler County Texan</i> —Jan. 8, 1904

³⁵ (w) = weekly, (m)= monthly, (d)= daily, (bw) bi-weekly, etc.

Group IV		City
Deaf smith	Hereford	<i>Hereford Brand</i> (w) Aug. 26, 1904-Aug. 1, 1918; Jun. 3, 1908-Dec. 29, 1911 (MF)
Randall	Amarillo	<i>Amarillo</i> (See above for Potter County)
	Canyon	<i>Canyon City News</i> (w)—Mar. 20, 1903-Dec. 13, 1907 (i)
		<i>Randall County News</i> —Apr. 23-Aug. 20, 1914; Jul. 18-Aug. 1, 1918; Sep. 22, 1911
		<i>Stayer</i> —Sept. 19, 1901-Dec.? 1902 (i)
Armstrong	Claude	<i>Claude News</i> —Nov. 16, 1906-Dec. 31, 1915 (i)
Donley	Clarendon	<i>Banner-Stockman</i> (w)—Jun. 24, 1904- Sep. 30, 1909 (i)
		<i>Clarendon News</i> —Jul. 31, 1914; Jul. 18- Aug. 1, 1918
Collingsworth	Wellington	<i>Collingsworth Standard</i> (1 original issue, 1935)
Group I		City
Parmer	Farwell	<i>State Line Tribune</i> (w, Feb. 4-Nov. 3, 1932 [i])
	Friona	<i>Panhandle Progress</i> (semimonthly 1 original issue 1908)
Castro		none
Swisher	Tulia	<i>Tulia Herald</i> (Aug. 6, 1953-Dec. 27, 1962 [i])
Briscoe	Quitaque	<i>Quitaque Post</i> —(1945-1954)
Hall	Estelline	<i>Estelline News</i> (w)—May 3, 1913-Aug. 8, 1914
	Memphis	<i>Memphis Democrat</i> (1935)
	Turkey	<i>Turkey enterprise</i> —Nov. 1, 1929-Jun. 5, 1954
Childress	Childress	<i>Childress Index</i> —Nov. 4, 1904; May 7, 1913-Oct. 11, 1916 (i)
		<i>Childress Post</i> (w)—Dec. 9, 1908-Aug. 12, 1913 (i)

APPENDICES

I. DALLAM TO LIPSCOMB NEWSPAPER SUMMARY¹

Dalhart city
Dallam County

Dalhart Texan

Start date of microfilm 12/6/1912 to 1937

12/6/1912

Front Page—"Sneed is acquitted." Fort Worth business and political news.

"The (bird) show was a success," 1% cotton manufactured in TX,
coverage on the Boer War, "Precaution vs. trichina"

"The School Friend"—This is a section of the newspaper has a social and educational section that includes local events and commentary. It is a very prominent feature as it takes several full pages.

Classifieds—local and personal sale of goods-- from land to tools.

Advertising is sparse at this point.

Other- "As to the earth's atmosphere: theory that has long been held gaining ground among the men of the scientific mind."

Texas Industrial notes—by Texas city: economic info and events of note such as Brazoria county leasing bonds that just became available for purchase, etc.

Reel 1, 1913

5/2/1913

Front Page—"Trustee election," "Life's burden laid down"(a suicide), "To revive Blair Park"

"The School Friend"- "11,000 demonstration farms in 215 counties in Texas Industrial Congress." (Map illustrating agricultural improvement farms.) "Proposed amendment of the state constitution." (Announcement of proposals)

Other—"new uses for the tin can."

"Notice to land owneen (sic.)." This is an announcement of road from Dalhart to Texline.

Farm life facts- this section appeared at this point and became a standard column for educational commentary.

"Country versus City Life."

5/9/1913

Front Page—"Opposed to bonds: would use tax money to improve roads and not pay interest." (local letter addressed to community. "to appoint a successor: country treasurer's office to be filled by commissioner's money."

"School teachers to be elected by school board tonight-end very successful year." "Jury fixes damages to property along road to Texline."

Other-stock shows, legal amendments to constitution.

5/16/1913

Front Page- "Levy 10 cent road tax-commissioners favor good roads-means defeat on bond issue." "six young ladies finish high school course." "Walker nominated" (Postmaster)

¹ Stories and sections repeat over several dates, particularly if the newspapers are of the same week or month. Mention is given to new information about the events of the community. The first coverage will give the reader an idea of the paper's format, once that is established, themes are mentioned as they appear, but the reader must be aware that those sections and themes continue to be discussed by the local paper.

nd = no dates mentioned, nn = no names mentioned

quotes signify headlines or actual newspaper quotes

**** = of potential earthquake study interest*

? = approximation of information due to conditions of newspaper

5/23/1913

Front page: "To build more silos." "Prospects encouraging for early construction of M V & P railroad." "Fair association meeting."
Other-health advice on kidneys

5/30/1913

Front page-"cattle must be clean." "lay out of the road" (Ft. Worth road changes) "carload of silos"
other- published debates on the 18th amendment of Texas constitution

6/6/1913

Front page-"Car loads are ready" Colorado-to-gulf Highway "Organize for good roads." (And a chicken show)

6/20/1913

Front Page-"Deserters arrested" "Highway is ready"(Amarillo-Dalhart-Colorado-to-Gulf)
other-city ordinances (various)

6/27/1913

Front page-"secure highway" San Angelo – Good road

7/25/1913

Front page- "dry spell broken" "Distribution of Sunday mail" "Opening of new theatre in Amarillo." (Chautauqua arts program) "Officially to route" Colorado-to-Gulf adopts Dalhart.

1914

7/31/1914

Front page-- "Ferguson's lead over Ball-Hobby Lieutenant governor.
Photos start appearing (e.g., Chicago news on Mafia)

1917

9/11/1917

Front page-- "First week of court- Hon. R. E. Stalcup elected"
other-London shows at Dalhart
"Institute of Teachers resolute-schools integrated for supervision in sparse settlement areas." (No names of schools or school districts)
"American refugees fleeing from war zone." (France)

9/15/1917

Front page—Section on neighborhood happenings replaces local and personal and included Amarillo and other counties.
Mentions dance at school: Middlewater School

11/19/1917

Front Page- "Machine is life saver" Sanitarium has lung motor machine
(Ad) First national bank, Dalhart TX -capital 100,000 and chartered in 1903

2/9/1917

Front page-"Consolidation of schools and better school building in Dalhart urged before chamber of commerce."
(No mention of names nor school districts) (Texaco Advertisement)

Educational column added. Mentions Texline schools, Draper schools (school wagons for children to come to High School)

Obituary—Louis Hardgrave died and he settled Parker Co.

Other---various announcements of local Baptist Church

3/20/1917

Front page—"Springfield Tuesday" meeting of Good road supporters. "Dalhart Masons to Dumas- Dalhart masons attend funeral for Beauchamp."

"Woman's literary Club." (No mention of names or meeting place)

Other--opposed to war letter to the editor

"Contageous (sic.) diseases." School procedural notice in case of needing to quarantine (no school names mentioned) (typhus, yellow, scarlet fever, and smallpox, leprosy, scarlatine.)

1918

7/19/1918

Front page-Sales of furs bring \$79,000.00"

Other-lists of lands and lots delinquent of taxes of 1917 for Dallam County (several pages of lots that have not paid their taxes)

"Housewives expected to use fair price lists"

(Ads of vaccines for calves--blackleg)

7/26/1918

Front Page-"Roosevelt will not accept nomination for governor"

"Headquarters for women voters will be at restroom."

Other-"loans to our allies" (WW related)

8/2/1918

Front page—"Landslide for Hobby. Surprise for county"

Special section on "News from Dalhart's first newspaper." the Denrock Sun started in 1901 and published by Robert

E. Edgell. (quotes several news from this 1901 newspaper)

Dalhart was known as Twist Junction because of railroad.

C. E Williams constructed waterworks in T J

David A. Rabison first mayor of Dalhart

Fama Roberts, first baby born in Dalhart (nd)

Other--Weekly financial review (it is a column of national financial events).

"Can't file yet" Homesteaders cannot file for 640-acre claims of Pueblo land district, 1 million acres were designated for grazing.

Educational column—"Teacher's Institute." Dallam, Sherman, Hartley & Moore will meet at Canyon normal.

Salaries will be raised to \$90.00 month. Superintendent Webb of Dalhart Schools.

*** Obituary—"Death of George Wisegarver." "His death was no doubt the result of injuries received while working oil wells in Cushing, Oklahoma."

1937

8/7/1937

Front page—Second Annual XIT Reunion Edition of the Dalhart Texan"

"Fire of 1894 burned over large portion of XIT ranch: XIT controlled early Dallam county Politics."

"Vote takes county seat from Texline" (1903)

"Ellison recalls herding crazed cattle from area." Stampede. Informant recalling fire that started near Pecos River and extended over to XIT ranch.

"Chased wild buffalo on site of Dalhart" (A man called Twitchell recalls his legendary prowess back in 1886)

"Dallam county is organized in 1891"

**Texline
Dallam County**

Texline Tribune
Start date Jan 14- Dec 1932

Checked *Troupe* microfiche as well to see if earlier newspapers were available but no find.

**Stratford City
Sherman County**

*Stratford Star*²

Starting date on microfilm box
July 30, 1914 to end date of Dec. 5, 1918

7/14/1914

Front page-- "I thank you" John Houser thanks those who voted for him as he became county district clerk in local elections.

Announcement of sale of land in Sherman County at \$1000.00 for 640 acres.

Democratic ticket "The candidates for nomination received the following vote and majorities as indicated"

James E. Ferguson, Bell County, for Lieut. Gov.

J W Crudginton, Potter County, for Judge in 69th judicial district.

Other-- "Vote in Sherman County" column (winners only—names as listed)

Sherman

Congress	Stevens (145 votes)
State Sen.	Johnson
DA	Braly

Stratford Precinct

County clerk	Houser (71 votes)
County Judge	Elliott
Cty Attorney	Stahl
Assessor	Ratcliffe

Texhoma precinct

Cty clerk	Houser
Cty Attorney	Stahl
Assessor	Mallett

Ruby Precinct

Cty clerk	Spurlock
Sheriff	Gamble
Cty Atty.	Cammack
Assessor	Turner

McCrary Ranch Precinct

Cty clerk	Spurlock
Cty judge	Rowland
Sheriff	Gamble
Cty Atty.	Cammack
Assessor	Turner

"Proposed amendment to State Constitution," notice (article xi, section 7A)

Local news—a one liner report on Mexican revolution.

7/18/1915

Front page—Advertisements for land leases

Stahl Company

Stratford Abstract Incorporated in 1907

"Official ballot for democratic primary" (statewide)

² This one hard to read because of the paper's original condition made poor copies.

Judge J. W. Elliott put out a notice for parents and guardians who want to transfer children to different school to go to judge first. (nn)

other—one page chapters of “over the top” a novel by Arthur Guy Empery writing from the trenches of the War.

American troops land in France

A page on automobile etiquette.

US department of agriculture recommendations to “Increase sugar supply” for export during war.

“Sweet clover good feed for Texas Land”

“Pig clubs--big increase”

Reports on state drought

Sheriff’s notice of election at the schoolhouse in Common district No. 3 of this county (Sherman)

The *Star* devotes one full page to woman’s fashion and various medicinal treatments (Asthma, Spanish Influenza).

“To Sheriff or constable of Sherman County” a notice searching for heirs of J. Walton and T. M.

McCrary so that they can claim estate of the deceased.

“Monday morning flood” (nd)

A notice on the Spurlock post office to be transferred to H. B. Flyr or else will be discontinued.

A notice on Christian church finished--will seat 100 people (Stratford city).

**Hansford County
Hansford, Texas**

*Hansford Headlight*³

Starting dates on box 5/11/1917 through December 12, 1919

No date⁴

Front page—the front page of this newspaper features inspirational notes by the local church (nn) with either a brief passage or a poem encouraging the locals to attend.

“Better roads is the slogan” Meeting at Hansford county courthouse for improvement of highways.

“Prominent Banker here” I. G. Blackmar (?)

other—“food crops in US must be increased to the limit” (to meet war demand)

“Friday, May 11, Lyceum” (Notice of Polish count and military to lecture in Hansford about the War)

New columns—

“World news” war brief updates

and “Texas News Briefs” (column)

“Texas ‘war legislature’ convened yesterday” (Austin, TX)

“numerous bridges were washed out and roads badly damaged by cloud burst in the northern part of Dallas county Thursday morning, according to reports. The rainfall amounted to a waterspout in places it was reported. A large steel bridge near Farmers branch was washed out.”

“Fire destroyed the Celina light and power plant and the waterworks plant. The loss of property estimated at \$20,000 with no insurance. The fire caught from the exhaust pipe.”

“Texas Legislature meets in special session—60th house and senate organize for work, but transact little business.”

5/11/1917 (Vol. 9)

Front page—Headlight family is invited to attend commencement at Guymon high school for class of 1917 at Church.

(notice) “The Hansford headlight has been sold to J. H. Buchanan.” new editors are R. B. Quinn and Oran Kelly.

“Texas regulates repairs” Austin (April 1917) The state now mandates all auto repair registration.

World news at a glance—(Pancho Villa and news from Russia)

Traffic Census over D-C-D highway ((Dallas-Canadian-Denver)) over Canadian Bridge April 3- May 2.

Reports of a total of 6336 persons and a total of 2146 vehicles

Hansford Bank opened April 14, 1917.

(The Quarter-breed Novel Chapter—a tale of adventure on an Indian reservation)

Storm Damage at Denison

Lightning causes \$75,000 oil fire, Gainesville. “Lightning struck tank #2 near Producer’s Oil refinery one mile South of city limits, setting fire to \$50,000 barrels of crude oil.”

“\$30,000 fire at Abilene.” Lightning hits Texas company: 12,000 gals of gasoline.

“\$100,000 fire at Oakwoods.” (Palestine) “18 miles west of here in Leon County” “Town almost wiped out by fire that broke out in business station. About half were insured.”

³ Called the headlight because of the Headlight family(owners and editors).

⁴ This newspaper is also in poor condition. It is presented in a negative format (e.g., letters are white and background is black). this one did not have a date because the top part was torn, but it must be of 1917 (possibly May) since one can see that it is part of Vol. 9 and all newspapers of 1917 belong to that volume.

5/18/1917

Front page-- K. E. Torborg, the only Dutchman in Hansford County—lives 8 miles south of Hansford (filed report on stolen ham from his farm-house).

“Commercial Club organized” Met at Courthouse and G.L. Roland preceded.

(Several front page notices talk about someone coming “into town” and they refer to Guymon. So it seems that the Hansford headlight reports news for Hansford and for Guymon and possibly other nearby localities.)

Other--“Proposed amendment to the State constitution providing for and relating to the creation of conservation districts (Conservation and reclamation districts.)

Local ads—C.D. Works, Attorney

Frank Willis, doctor (Canadian TX)

Dr. J. H. Haney, MD

William Collile, MD

5/18/1917 (two different papers with same date)

Front Page—“Spearman lot sale”—“Spearman is now on the map.” on the DCD (Dalhart-Canadian) highway on the Sta. Fe. Railway

“Settler’s reunion” People who had been in Ochiltree for 25 years mentioned.

“Reach a million Mark” Dalhart Bank has over one million dollars in deposits.

“War tariff” article

“New and additional taxes proposed in \$1,800,000 war reserve bill.”

Local and Personal—Attorney C.D. Words now permanent in Hansford

See the Kodaks at Hales Drug Store

Death of Mrs. A. L. Heibert (wife of editor Heibert of the Tyrone Observer.)

5/25/1917

Front Page—“Opening of Spearman” sold lots of new town in Spearman.

“Horses killed by lightning”

“Must kill prairie dogs.” “All prairie dogs in each county must be killed by Aug. 27, 1917.” (Law passed in 1915.

“The commercial club” now established in Hansford

(conservation and reclamation legal posting again)

“Mennonite (sic.) Farmers here” This is an interesting article on how good Menonite farmers are and how they will be of benefit to Hansford. “The headlight hopes they find what they want in Hansford County. We have a Norwegian settlement...”

More war ads to increase food production—“Seed and feed, the slogan of the year.”

6/1/1917

Front page—“Len Werner captured” (of Higgins. He had stolen several thousand dollars and is held in Lipscomb jail.

“Holt loses to Hansford” (ball game)

“Another big boost” Extension of Hockaday National Highway (Chicago-Kansas-Wichita-Spearman-Hansford.)

Other-- Conservation amendment notice

The quarter-breed chapter

War news—several pages devoted

Notice of teacher’s examination at Hansford Courthouse 6/1 and 6/2, 1917

A whole page devoted to registration law (army)

“President signs draft measure, troops to front”

“Wire news of the week” a column devoted to national and international affairs as received by wire

6/6/1917

Front page—"Chautauqua news"

"Prairie dog killer" Man uses car innovations to kill prairie dogs.

"Horses scared to death" they die of fright as they saw train.

"Monopoly is wrong"

"Summer visitors" D-C-D (highway will bring tourist business)

NY opera singer to sing along with phonogram (New Edison phonogram)

Other-- Conservation notice

The scholastic census for Dallas County by County School Superintendent Hudspeth is of 15,183 students (approx. half in common school districts and one half in ISDs)

Quarter-breed continued

A new moving picture theater \$300,000 in Dallas

The farmer's Gin Company has been organized at Milford.

"Farming now a business" "...the modern farmer applies business methods and seeks more than a living on the farm."

6/19/1917

Front Page— US liberty loan bonds advertised by First National Bank of Hansford, TX

"Still hauling wheat" Gen. L. Roland hauling 1915-1916 wheat crops to Texhoma. (He is the main supporter of road expansion and is making good business from the road)

Commercial Club news

Ball game

"County court" reporting on daily doings of the court (a case was dismissed)

"Railroad news" The railroad is coming to Ochiltree

1 pg. for the quarter-breed

1 pg. for war news

6/22/1917

Front Page—"Texas is calling you—the Lone Star State now wants 12,000 young men."

"Must register your car"

1 pg. for the quarter-breed

1 pg. for war news

6/29/1917

Front Page—"vote for the special levy—money thus raised must be used on road construction."

"Will get Charter" State bank charter proposal by W. S. McNabb and B. V. Andrews will pass.

"That well at Spearman" article protesting that Railroad Company did not put a well in place after land sale as stipulated in agreement.

~ "More dope on auto law"

1 pg. for the quarter-breed

1 pg. for war news

7/6/1917

Front page—"good rains"

"Smith Form-a-tractor big Aid to Modern Farming Methods."

Other--the quarter-breed

war news

"Governor Ferguson vs. The University of Texas" One page announcement. "the issue" (subhead)
University is constitutionally protected to be free of political control.

"As soon as President Vinson was elected by the Board, Gov. Ferguson tried to scare him not dismissing without charges or trial five members of the faculty... unless he did what he (Gov.) wanted him (president) to do." (threatened to close down university)

"The secrets of the Hohenzollerns" one page (series also) on the "inner life" of the Kaiser.

"Dallas to be site of aviation school"

"First highway, Texarkana to El Paso."

"Texas Lumber mills get big orders." (Beaumont)

Hang Negro; caused girl's death"

Courtney—party of Negroes returning to Houston from Brenham celebration of emancipation day, one car knocked horse and killed girl. Party of 8 got arrested and transported. Ben Harper who was the driver of the car that hit the horse, tried to escape transportation posse and was found later hanging from a tree.

"Mexicans return German prisoner"

"Second Army camp at Leon springs"

"Big reduction in price of coal."

7/13/1917

Front page—"Follett on the Market" F. W. Wilsey from Canadian. Follett between Shattuck and Spearman is also on Sta. Fe Railway line.

"McBride" to Spearman" Will live in Glazier until buildings are in Spearman to make/ run White House Lumber Co. there.

"A call for the colors" Draft party was delightful.

"Texas Guard Needs You"

Other—"Special road tax lost by one vote."

"Wire news of the week" column for events national and international.

"Texas News briefs"

"Damage estimated at from \$15,000 to \$35,000 was done in Martin (? hard to read could be Marlin) by fire which destroyed by fire several business houses, including stocks of merchandise."

"The continued drought at Weatherford has damaged to a considerable extent the fruit crop and as a result the crop of peaches will be short."

Abilene won location of A & M College--\$500,000.

Houston Bank rated excellent.

Texas Company (this is the name of the co.) filed amendment to charter to Secretary of State to create corporations outside of Texas.

Gov. appoints Will. T. Brady to El Paso County court.

Dallas Board of Education appropriates \$75,000.00 for schools.

"Buy it Made in Texas Convention in Wichita Falls, Texas."

15,000-acre ranch in northern Erath, \$237,500

"Movie force in education" Test made in London show that children remember film plots two years after seeing pictures."

"Oppose exemption boards" (draft)

"cotton crop below expectations"

the quarter-breed (contd.)

war news

Notice—Jos. W. Jones posted that he would no longer allow hunting, fishing or grape picking in his premises.

"The secrets of the Hohenzollerns" one page (contd.)

"Wilson gives out—rules for draft: President insists on equality of new army."

7/20/1917

Front page—"The Call of the colors"

obituary—Mrs. Ray McComan (20 yrs. old) Lived 20 miles N of Hansford. Left a baby.

"Herbert Victor Nesbitt" Leader of community orchestra, businessman, lead church choir singer.

Other--"How can Texas Farmers beat the dry weather"--"June corn, milo maize, Spanish peanuts and soy bean will make a crop in 100 days."

1 page article devoted to canning vegetables and how to do so. "Profitable disposition of all surplus fruits and vegetables."

the quarter-breed (contd.)

war news

"Farm more land—cultivate for soldier at the front."

State news

"Lomax injunction not perpetuated—Judge Graves sustains demurrer of defendant regents of the university."

"Rains cover large portions of Texas."

"Arrest for arson follows Denton fire" loss of \$40,000 stock in Williams dry good store.

"Board of Education buys bonds"

\$189,550 school bonds

\$37,000 road bonds

\$5,000 city hall bonds

"Sugar mill at Harlingen burns" Hill sugar Mill \$250,000

"Col. J. H. Parramore, dies at Abilene" millionaire, cattleman, philanthropist, and member of Terry's Texas Rangers.

"Contract for cotton Palace Coliseum" Waco for the 1917 Expo \$50,000.00

"Mayor of Houston dies suddenly" Joseph J. Paxton (? can't read it)

"Abilene claims won A & M"

"\$1,000 appropriated to defray expense of Texas guard recruiting campaign."

"Urge Women to join service league" Ft. Worth--women to register to sign the Hoover food conservation pledge. Mrs. J. C. muse campaign chairman.

"Value of intangible assets of R.R." \$152,240,635 by commissioner Hagby

"\$4,700,000 utilities chartered"

"Auto registration fees about \$100,000"

"The secrets of the Hohenzollerns" one page (contd.)

7/27/1917

Front page—"Drawing held on Friday--drawn by lot for the great National Army" (list of people who were drafted)

"Insuring our fighting now."

"Women do your bit" (conserving and enhancing food supply)

"University will open as usual"

"Celebrates a la Hoover" Article relating how patriotic a celebration was in Hansford, where people were frugal and not wasteful about food since Herbert Hoover, "food commissioner," sent an edict to buy less and serve smaller portions because the wheat crop was thin.

"Death of Patrick O'Neal" Died at Guymon. One of the first settlers; 40 years ago came to Palo Duro (a few miles West of Hansford) from Ireland.

Other—"Food and War" a series of wires on the need to prevent famine in America by considering economically just as valuable the labor in food production (as opposed to arms production).

"Oregon and California Railway Co. Grant Lands." Homestead laws of settlement cleared the court and land is for sale.

"The colors call" volunteered sworn in Amarillo.

"The draft" notice on procedure and law.

"Will organize Red Cross."

"In all lands" column. War news column

State news

"Regents decide university can open"

"Texas will furnish 2, 314—this number can be called for duty under select service law."

"Will organize nation by units to aid in war."

good crops reported Amarillo to Miami, to Ochiltree

"Locations selected for two colleges" Stephen F. Austin Normal School in Nacogdoches, Texas Normal College at Kingsville.

"\$125,000 fire loss Grand Prairie" Plant of Grand Prairie manufacturing destroyed by fire.

8/3/1917

Front page—"The first call is made." List of those who need to appear before the local board of Hansford, Texas and dates.

"Railroad work rushing" Rumors of Texas Line RR suspended work are false.

"Good crops at Mulock"

"About seed wheat" H. M. Halper of Topeka and L. L. Johnson of Amarillo, agricultural & Industrial agents of Sta. Fe Railway & E. P. Ripley President of Santa Fe Railway, ready to provide funds for purchase of seeds. Banks willing to assist NE Panhandle to increase what acreage along Sta. Fe new railway lands.

"Panhandle State Fair" Amarillo 1917.

"More railroad news" J. R. Collard in supervision of progress of line Spearman to Stratford (Santa Fe railway) Progress report of the Shattuck Spearman line, road should reach Spearman by Dec. 1, 1917. Cleared a gang from Wolf Creek Bridge and men went back to work on harvest, but work will resume.

"Holds charm for" Navy recruiting volunteers. Has a pay table. All chef petty officers \$77.00 month plus allowances.

"For cash" Ad by P. M. Maize and Co. 100 lbs. of sugar at \$8.50, 24 cans of string beans \$3.00, 24 cans of sweet potatoes \$4.00.

"We have secured the agency for the Ford, the universal car, for Hansford County."

"Fuller calls special session of House—whether Governor shall be impeached subject for consideration."

"Secrets of the Hohenzollerns" contd.

Texas News briefs:

6 passenger trains, KA. MO. TX discontinued.

City of Ft. Worth to sue those who are behind tax payment or reassess property. Delinquent taxes \$500,000 according to financial commissioner Manning.

Col. B. F. Dallmater confirms reports of America Patrol fired from across Mexican Border at Ojo de Agua (Brownsville).

Widow pensions Tarrant County filed (new law).

Marshall & East of Texas Railway bankrupt. Ordered to sell by Judge Gordon Russell of Sherman at \$675,000 ranchland at Marshall, Texas.

State comptroller Terrell, valuation of property in counties. First time tax board will have actual estimations. State valuation at \$2,547,000, 000

Tax levy to meet \$25,000,000 appropriations.

In all lands (column/ Southwest section)

"The body of Walter Satterfield, a farmer living in the North part of the county" was shot to death by a posse in Canadian County and has been brought up to Chickasha. He attacked a 14-year-old and resisted arrest.

"Use poison bait for grasshoppers"

"Sugar beet seed required"

"Pasture for pigs" Acre will carry 24-40 animals.

8/16/1917

Front page—"Hansford's Chautauqua"

"Big auto races" Dalhart

"New law on the killing of Antelope in Texas" law effective June 10th, no killing antelope, Rocky Mountain sheep or goat for 25 years."

"Exempt" Bronze buttons from Washington shipped.

"Wheat time" Plant wheat—good prices

"Double wheat yield" Texas goal

Other—James E. Ferguson announced he is running for a third term.

University of Texas will open Sept. 17

Com. of Agriculture Fred W. Davis to meet with farmers around diverse areas of state to fix food prices.

"Committee of lawyers in Austin say that house can meet for impeachment purposes without a call from the governor.

John G. McKay ex-secretary of State of Texas was indicted from misappropriation of public funds.

"Rioters spread terror--Negroes, Indians and Tenant Farmers organize to defeat selective draft service at Oklahoma."

"good earth roads" A brief on soil, construction and other characteristics of a good road.

8/17/1917

Front page—"They are now laying steel" RR is coming.

"Hansford County is wet"

"Garden 'Sas' [sic.] in Hansford County"

"Big ranch deal" Mr. Snyder becomes owner of O'Laughlin cattle (Saturday) 20,000 acres in East Hansford County.

Other—The secrets of the Hohenzollerns

Two children sent to Pasteur Institute in Austin after "crazy dog" bit them.

Fire destroyed buildings at Huntsville State penitentiary

Now Majestic—Movie at Dallas to cost more than \$100,000

Organized bands of Negroes, tenant farmers and Indians—partially destroyed 2 bridges, damaged wire communications, etc.

Santa Fe Bridge and Building department workers get a raise of 3 cents per hour.

Final arrangements of Rockefeller Board to give \$260,000 to Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"Governor refuses to be first witness" Had to produce records of banks

Two die and 60 hurt in wreck of T & P"

The SBOE has fixed per capita apportionment of state available school funds for 1917-1918 at \$7.50"

Start 8/24/1917

Front page—"Wires crossed somewhere" Elder Emmanuel Dubbs, buffalo hunter and treasurer of Clarendon was asked about the Adobe Walls battle, since he was present. Dubbs denied that Bat Masterson was present in it. The writer refers to "The Life of Billy Dixon" book where Bat Masterson is said to at Adobe Walls and Buffalo Wallow.

"School Opens Monday Sept. 3" at Hansford. Teachers are paid and ready to go. Miss Carrie E. Owen of Clarendon, principal of Hansford schools.

Other—Hoover reports on food situation

The Secrets of the Hohenzollerns (contd.)

"Thanks" Telephone business to pass to other hands. J. M. Kirby and Family

8/21/1917

Front page—"People of Texas rejoicing" near complete RR

War news

TX news briefs

D. E. Lyday of Ravenna, Fannin City—president of farmer's union

Gov. Ferguson on trial

State fixes price of cotton

Federal government fixes price on coal (Pres. Wilson) to stop waste

TX assistant secretary of Agriculture (Clarence Ousley) appointed.

9/7/1917

Front page—"Had appendix removed" W. T. Coble, owner of Turkey Track Ranch

Mr. Cator of Zulu ranch needs help

"Notice" NH Sweeney closes road that goes through his pasture (Davis pasture) on Hansford road 10 miles due E of Texhoma

JR Collard went to Canadian "Seems to be booming" Brick buildings, cement sidewalks, electric light, a picture show

"A Pleasant Outing" Gen. H. Roland went to the "caves" where Indian paintings can be found.

"School opens" 65 students enrolled; Keep your children in schools... "or you are doing them a great injustice."

"Panhandle farmers congress" Amarillo Sept. 13

Other—war news

Gov. Attacks big scale task of maintaining food supply"

"Only female Army surgeon" (Brit)

List of exempted or discharged

"Here and there" column (SW section)

"More Negro troops to be sent to Ho. Texas despite rioting Negro regulars there."

Senator Gore's county fair speech recalled due to threatening discord

"America rejects Pope's peace plan"
Fashion and agricultural advice page

9/21/1917

Front page—"Contract filed for Record" Construction Co. signs for NT & SF R Co. for bridging, track laying, and buildings."

"Found man's shoe and foot" death mystery near Palo Duro

"Ms. Grace Winder will teach the Pleasant Hill School near the Windsor Home, 7 mi. west of town"

"Rev. Franklin" will begin meeting Medlin School house" 9 miles East of Ochiltree

Other—"About dividing Texas" Agitation over NW/ SE split (rumors?)

"the Real Adventure" novel by Henry Kitchell Webster

TX News Brief

Acting Gov. Hobby accepted proposal for school of the blind.

\$18,380,000 for appropriations for training camps in TX

Heavy rains and wind wipe out Camp Bowie at Ft. Worth; 10,000 guards; considerable damage.

"University issue reviewed by the Senate"

"Dallas County votes dry"

"Malone resigns to help suffrage." (women in Washington)

Conspiracy case at Abilene (54 defendants-most W Texas farmers)

"Women suffrage defeated" Maine

The big 6 of the plains—5th annual Panhandle state air at Amarillo" (old settlers Quarter Century club will participate)

On the impeachment of Ferguson—Hansford wants to see him out of office since he located "the school" at Abilene (this may be over the A & M location?)

Seven days (column)

Per capita consumption of sugar in US for year ending 6/20/17 was 81 lbs.

9/28/1917

Front page—"Another long trail." New road from the Rio Grande Boundary (Del Rio-Canadian Highway)

"Avenged his father's death—Milliard Martin confessed to killing P. P. Fifer" The mystery of the man's foot down the Palo Duro was resolved. Sheriff Robert E. Martin killed in Jan. 26, 1911 when he went to see Fifer at his home 20 miles NW of Hansford. He was later arrested and sent to jail where he was released as a "trusty" and a few years later he was seen near the Panhandle and Martin's son caught up with him.

"Causing some stir" Follett and Ivanhoe to be reached by train soon.

"Will have exhibit" Amarillo fair; Gus. B cooks—owner of Alamo ranch and member of Panhandle Hereford's Breeder Association

Other—"killed her husband" Wheeler County Mrs. W. F. Cowan

TX News Briefs—

A gas well that is said to be burning 10,000,000 feet of gas daily has been brought in in Corsicana-Powell oil field at Powell, 10 miles E of Corsicana

House voted engross the Bell-Metcalf bill for drought relief bonds for farmers

Epidemic of glanders has killed more than a dozen horses in Dallas

The Capitol Freehold Land and Investment co. of Chicago bought 37,000 acres at Cheyenne Pasture, Hartley County for \$300,000

The Granger co. to drill oil at Kaufman (Legg's Prairie)

University of Texas faculty reinstated

Drouht [sic.] relief bill passed

"Fight begins on Pink Bollworm" Austin destruction of cotton fields

Puts out fire in theatre" San Antonio hero soldier saves building

10/5/1917

"to local exemption boards"

Other—"Stray cow and calf" A. F. Garner 11 miles SE of Hansford

The real adventure

"A new phone line" From Hansford to Plemon \$5,000

Warren Zimmerman, new newspaper owner "Liberal news"

Here and there (SW section)

"Charges dismissed for 7 defendants Farmer's and Labor Protective Association of conspiracy of anti-draft activities" (Abilene) [story of the 'Negroes, Indians, tenant farmer riots]

"Four white men believed to be I. W. W. agents were whipped and tarred and feathered by a mob of 150 Arkansas rice farmers."

The government rested its case against 49 anti-draft activists in connection to activities with F&LPA
Discovery of conspiracy to revolution planned by 2 million malcontents backed by I. W. W. as revealed by 11 anti-draft agitators at Oklahoma.

"Visit Shattuck" Railway completed within 5 miles of Spearman

"Charged 166 as traitors to U.S." I. W. W. members by District Attorney Cline (no place cited)

10/12/1917

Front page—"A big feed crop" Joe Close, 7 miles E of Hansford

"Our portion \$295" for motor registration and lists the motor fees for other Panhandle counties.

"members of Masonic fraternity" attended funeral for Harry L. Endicott

Other—War's end not in sight

"Congress makes levy of \$27.00 for every man, woman and child"

Deaths of the past week" (column) Harry L. Endicott—farmer, and stock raising innovation. Mima

Tompkins of Lieb community. One of the first to settle that neighborhood.

Here & there (SW section)

Edward Wilson, a Negro, shot and killed in street (St. Louis, Illinois)

Francisco Villa claims Durango

"A meteor of several tons fell the other night completely buried itself in the farm of Harry James" 2 miles of Hillsboro TX

10/19/1917

Front page—"Parent-teacher society" organized at school. President Miss Elder

"Honor roll" on front page from now on

Published letters from "Soldier Boys"

"Conserve the food" Mr. Townsend to direct efforts as Herbert C. Hoover directed

TX news briefs

J. I. Lancaster, receiver and president of T & P made president of Mississippi at New Orleans

Red River bridge Texarkana-\$300,000 in bonds

TX RR bridge construction—shortage of labor

insure loss of fire for Dallas in Sept.--\$180,129.00

"Hobby signs bollworm bill"

"45 fires in Dallas in Sept."

Judge advises shooting of traitors" (Houston)

"South Central crops poor—drouth [sic.] damage more severe in SW Texas."

"30 Mexican troops killed by bandits" in Presidio

10/26/1917

Front page--food conservation meeting at Hansford

"Grandpa Archer" John Archer, father of 21 children died in his home (15 miles S of Hansford)

TX news briefs

Texas farmer's union cotton gin at Dodd City destroyed by fire

Santa Anna fire destroys \$50,000 (Adam Childers grocery co.)

Col. J. A. Hutt judge advocate reached San Antonio to make report to Gral. Ruckmann for court martial of Negro regiment (24th infantry) who participated in Houston riot

"Ferguson's trial Nov. 26"

"Mexicans kidnap 2 U.S. soldiers"

11/2/1917

Front page—A. M. Mills buys section in Ochiltree County
Telephone line building out of Shattuck

11/19/1917

“Rev. Franklin returned”

Other—“Statement” About the management of the newspaper from Editor Manager Oran Kelly, Owner, J. R. Collard (and others) at Hansford.
“The Graham Public school building destroyed by fire”
refunds for licenses as a result of Dallas going dry \$19,949.88
The Midlothian cotton gin at Venus destroyed by fire
Unrest in Mexico City
Anti-prohibition wins Burleson County
“Seventy Negroes accepted for service by the exemption board of Dallas County”
“Carranza opponents deported” accepted as refugees in Laredo

11/16/1917

Front page--Track laid to Longwood” (on the Kiowa, 20 miles from Hansford)

“The Hansford Epworth league” Christian work among soldiers (women’s work)

“L. L. Medlin dies suddenly in Hansford” Died at 72, lived most of his life in Texas. Ranch 8 miles South of Hansford.

“Exceeded the quota” Hansford county exceeded pledges for food conservation program

Other-- “From TX State council of Defense” draft resumes
real adventure (contd.)

11/30/1917

Front page—“Should have been thankful” “To the best of our knowledge and belief there is not an I. W. W. or Kaiser sympathizer in Hansford” (this is enough to be thankful for)

Other—

TX News briefs

3 Mexican governors’s to meet Gov. Hobby in Laredo

156,635 food pledge cards signed by housewives arrived to Dallas HQ’s

“more regulars sent to Big Bend District” (to guard Mexican troops at the border)

“Order new national guard” TX to supply 16,000 men

Texas Federation of Women met at Waco

“South potato weevil found at Denton”

real adventure (contd.)

12/7/1917

Front page—“Section of land sells well” \$22,000 paid for 640 acres 8 miles E of Hansford

“Another big sale” John Roach, 16 miles NW of Hansford/ splendid stock

Directory of Hansford County and various schools:

Distinct # 1 Micou (?? can’t read very well)

2 Kimball

3 Lakeside

4 Pleasant Hill

5 Happy Jack

6 Hansford

7 Grand Plains

8 McBride

9 New Hope

10 Medlin

11 Woodrow

Other—In all lands (SW section)

Four men detained in Oklahoma for IWW investigation on Frisco’s train collision.

12/14/1917, 12/21/1917⁵
Christmas events

12/28/1917

NOTE: 1918 year is in another reel (1914-1918) and it will be presented below after 1919.

1/10/1919
Front page—"Christian defeats Starnes" (Sheriff election)

1/17/1919
Hansford complains that the mail is "rotten"
Other—"Free maps and Photographs of Burkburnett, Texas" This is the first oil well of Hansford. "World's wonder oil fields" Brown Worth Oil co., No. 1015 1-2 Main St. Fort Worth, Texas

1/24/1919
Other—Completion of Exposition Wing, Great Forum in Wichita; an advertisement for marketing and enhance Hansford livestock and land commerce
Announcement on the Organization of Sunday school Class by Mrs. A. K. Townsend

2/7/1919
West Texas chamber of commerce formed

2/14/1919
Front page—"Commissioner's Court Meet"⁶
"Jury appointed to make Guymon-Hansford road a first class road (from 3rd class)

2/21/1919
Other—"Proposed amendments to the state constitution providing for and relating to equal suffrage" This one is very hard to read. There are several proposals and resolutions listed here.
Amendment for state lending to assist head of families to acquire or improve homes.

3/17/1919
3/14/1919
Front page--101, 165 men furnished by Texas in war

3/21/1919
Front page--Several letters published by soldiers in the artillery
Senate joint resolution # 13 amendment to state constitution announcements

4/4/1919
Front page—"Will try to find oil or gas--Land owners want to know what is beneath the surface"
"Count Clark is dead" --it is a pony! (too blurry)

4/11/1919
4/18/1919
Front page—"An old timer sells ranch—A. E. Powers sells the 'Loma alto' to Kansas Men" 5,700 acres at Palo Duro Valley
"Hart buys McCrea Ranch" 12 miles E of Hansford 44,000 Acres

4/25/1919

5/2/1919

5/16/1919

Front page—" Jos. W. Jones dead—prominent cattleman and Banker passes on to his reward"

⁵ These newspapers have very little information that is new. It seems that the weather was very intense and that the mail got disrupted. I have no clue as to why the format changed but the rest of the Headlight newspapers seem shorter and are now missing the State news briefs. I have encountered several newspapers that are unreadable as they were microfilmed out of focus and were hard to read. So if you find a date with no captions, any of these reasons apply—it was either too blurry to read or there was no critical information.

⁶ A column summarizing findings and resolutions of the town's various authorities. Mostly concerned with business, roads, railroad and other development projects. It is present throughout 1919.

- "The peace treaty" published announcement
- 5/23/1919
Front page—"Railroad is coming—work will be resumed Monday May 26 and rushed" Will start work at Lourwood where war disrupted work for 2 years
"Will not consolidate" Kimbal district #2 with # 9 (no name) due to transportation of students across ¼ of county deemed impractical
"Drouth [sic.] relief" applications granted for farmers
- 5/30/1919
Front page-- "Hail losses" crops of wheat damaged by hail storm at Wilbanks community at East Hansford
- 6/6/1919
Other—Big debate "Resolved that Texas should be divided into two or more states" Hansford-Lleb-Holt
- 6/20/1919
Front page—New Bank at Booker (too blurry)
- 6/27/1919
Front page-- Chas Endicott sells land to P. Kern Blackwell of Oklahoma
- 7/4/1919
7/11/1919
Other—Indians hold great dance" 16 tribes celebrate for a week at Guspaw (? blurry)
- 7/25/1919
Front page—"test well attracting attention" Beaver Oil and Gas Co.
Other—the European corn borer Announcement of U.S. Agriculture dept. about a destructive pest insect that attacks other plants as well
- 8/8/1919
Front page—John Van Cleve Andrews died in Ark. Lawyer at Hansford (blurry)
"Opening of Perryton townsite" Announcing new town in Ochiltree on Aug. 22. Railroad town connecting to Shattuck.
Other—Must be free of Tuberculosis (USDA announcement on cattle)
Advertisement on Perryton (and a picnic)—8 miles N. of Ochiltree on Santa Fe Railway
- 8/5/1919
8/2/1919
9/5/1919
9/19/1919
9/19/1919—
Front page--Special train for Panhandle (too blurry)
- 9/26/1919
Front page—"Mr. Spearman visits Hansford" Millionaire, purchased 100,000 acres of land at Ochiltree, head of Construction Co. of Santa Fe Railway Co.
- 10/3/1919
Front page-- "The trouble makers" A conservative essay explaining race riots that occurred at Omaha the previous week as a product of a pattern of increasing dissent and discontent after the war
- 10/10/1919
Front page--"A well at Spearman" announcing construction preparation for water supply in new town
- 10/10/1919 (copy with different news)
Front page—"The railroad will reach Spearman next week"

10/17/1919

Front page—"Oil wells and everything" Preparation of materials ready for Hansford Derrick, Cobble-Heywood oil well being set in place

10/24/1919

Front page—"Visited oil well" Hansford's oil well is working now

10/31/1919

Front page—"Moving to Spearman" A column of those who are moving to Spearman in order to be in a town that has access to railroad. "Moving Hansford to Spearman"

11/7/1919

11/14/1919

Front page—"The headlight moving to Spearman" (very blurry)

11/21/1919

Front page—"Our oil wells"

"Speaker R. E. Thomason announces for Governor" (El Paso Attorney, native of Gainesville)

11/28/1919

Front page—"Panhandle Blizzard"

"Spearman needs" A list of businesses and professionals or workers of various occupations to develop new town.

12/5/1919

Front page—Death of Grandma Layton (blurry)

12/12/1919

12/19/1919—The headlight becomes the Spearman Reporter (reports for Hansford and Texhoma as well as Spearman)

Front page—"Coal is more plentiful"

"Spearman's well"

"Grandpa Maize dead" died in Spearman

"Sam Stevenson was at Perryton the first of the week and while thee called at the Sanitarium to see Frank Jakubcin, who was badly burned by the explosion of a coal oil stove at his home near Spearman several weeks ago. Frank is recovering nicely..."

An advertisement on the new town—"Spearman's future" will be one of the best Panhandle towns. Has a 90 mile E-W and 60 mile N-S span. Good soil and water. The Cobble-Heywood Oil co. on the Goldwater 20 miles N of Spearman is doing well. "Spearman is the coming town of the southwest"

12/12/1919 (copy 2) Hansford Headlight

Front page—"Jesse E. Hayes in business" Purchased Jordan oil station equipment located at South and Main Street.

New reel

Hansford Headlight reel 2--3 issues
(Aug. 21, 1914; Jul. 19, and Aug. 2, 1918)

The Hansford Headlight

8/21/1914

Front page—"Another new Ford" W. M. Barnes tax assessor of Hutchinson County
"more new settlers" John & Buck Derrickson

(no heading) "The Panhandle F & I Association has set aside one day to be known as 'Old Settlers' day and urge those who have lived 25 years in Panhandle to attend"

Texas news condensed

the county council of Willis Point recently let contract for construction of the dam
One half million acres of school lands on which interest had not been paid, declared forfeited
The North Texas Compress and Warehouse of Gainesville (cotton) installed a tramline operated on cable system and electricity

7/19/1918

Front page—"Railroad talk" finished road all the way to Larwood. Reports on Mexican laborers.
"School transfer notice" B. V. Andrews county superintendent

Texas items

Boll weevils are reported to be seriously damaging the cotton crop at Denton County
Attorney General Looney rules that 3omen of Texas may register so they may be able to vote up to and including July 12
The camphor thrip, a small insect that has been working on camphor trees in several southern states has made its appearance in Texas
The Texas railroad commission Saturday declared a total of 1392 miles f short lines under government control and 1,154 rejected.

Other—"SOS call to Texas Women" letter pro ballot testing by Texas Women Democratic League
Official ballot of State Democratic Primary (local candidates are also posted)
"Instructions for women voters"
"Annie Webb Blanton" Pledge by Democratic candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction; A Houston native and UT Graduate.

Seven days—SW section

(No heading) "Three persons were shot and the mail express cars looted recently when the southbound 'Texas special' of the MO-KA-TX Railroad was held up by a gang of masked men" 47 miles of Kansas City

"Natt Hoffman, a white soldier, was hanged (sic.) at 5:45 o'clock the other morning at camp McArthur, near Waco, Texas. He was convicted of attacking a school girl last April."

"Special Tax for Maintenance of Public schools and furnishing free text books" (House joint resolution)

8/12/1918

Front page---"Lady in business" Mrs. Shearlock from Guymon (Oklahoma) took charge of the Jordan oil station.
"Almost struck oil" Mr. Grant of Gage, Oklahoma represented Guarantee Development Company promoting an oil proposition near Gage. People are "jubilant." "This now has the appearance of being one of the real shallow belts of the state" Invest and strike rich!

Texas items

Crops at Shelby suffering at the alarming degree from long drought
Large oil interests have purchased 672 acres of land in the West side of the Neches River near port Neches and Beaumont
The pumping plant at Anahuac across turtle bay started pumping again (shut down because of salt build-up)
Arrangements for consolidation of Railroads offices in Brownwood because Frisco offices business moved to Santa Fe and Texas business will be handled there.
Dredge boats launching basin at Rockport (8 miles S of Aransas bay).
Production of oil in Texas 108,000 barrels from 6,000 wells (maybe 6,500)
Production of oil increase for US. OK, TX, and KA oil fields "saved the day." (this one says 32 million barrels of crude oil)
Sulphur in Culberson County to be exploited intensively due to war. Intend to develop W. Texas deposits.
Rice growers face \$1 million loss due to Salt in water (McFadden Plant, Beaumont).

Other-- Official food news from food administration

C. D. Works announces ready to do abstract work (offices at courthouse, Hansford)

World News (SW section)

Nat Malone and Sam Barksdale returned to their homes in Eagle Pass after being rescued from Mexican troops.

James. Burleson of Caldwell County indicted in Austin for embezzlement of \$189.00 while Postmaster at Lockhart (8/31/1917)

Instant death of pilots in Tallaferro Field, Ft. Worth after airplane fell in a spin.

Mary Roberts Rinehart (short story)

Bonds for erection of school building district # 11

**Lipscomb County
City of Lipscomb, Texas**

Lipscomb Lime Light

Starting Dates November 21, 1912 through December 31, 1914 (weekly)

Vol 1 # 1 (Successor of the Lipscomb Herald, last vol. 4 # 42)

C. A.. Skaggs, Publisher

Paper description: Front page covers national, international, regional and local news of interest. * page, 6 column newspaper. The rest of the paper covers local coming and goings of the local people and other news sent from the vicinity. It is mostly interested in "boosting" for the town and is a highly idiosyncratic newspaper. Columns are not consistently presented from issue to issue.

Columns on following communities:

Higgins
White City
Skunk Creek
Kiowa
Valley Park
Goodwin
Alfalfa
Glazier
Follett (reports appear about 1919)

Also presents developments in Ochiltree, Hemphill, and other counties in the Panhandle

For the first available two years (1912, 1913) the Limelight has little or no information from around the state.

11/21/1912

Front page—"Enthusiastic railroad meeting Monday"

"The surrendered contract provides for building the road up to the valley of Wolf Creek as far as the mouth of Guthrie Creek and thence into Ochiltree county in a general Westerly and Northwesterly direction" (paper torn) on to Santa Fe R and in general direction of Texas-Oklahoma. Major E. C. Gordon is the Trustee.

"Lipscomb, Lipscomb county and its resources" "A progressive people" Location and prospects...

Local worthies--Shahan and sons

Dr. J. T. Guthrie, Lipscomb Drug Store started 1905

Dr. C. A. Newland arrived in 1899

U. S. Post office started in 1908

12/5/19012

Front page—Teacher's institute to convene in Lipscomb County (no school name)

Railroad enthusiasts

local announcements of various kinds

12/12/1912

Front page—E. C. Gordon gives an example of how to contribute. "A. F. bond of Gray, who raised 1000 bushels of wheat, spent fifteen days putting in and harvesting the crop and will take thirty days to haul it 40 miles to market. The cost of delivering was 20 cents per bushel or \$200.00. At 80 cents per bushel crop brings \$800.00 less hauling \$200.00, net \$600.00 or 60 cents per bushel. Contribution to railroad \$160.00 leaving him clear in one year \$40.00 and in two years pays railroad and has \$240.00 left."

Jasper Millhollon, County Treasurer.

All parties to road duty can be exempt if paying \$3.00

Columns on different communities, e.g. Cat Creek, Plum Creek

12/19/1912

Other—"Minutes of Royal Guy Rocks" It is like a fraternity (perhaps?) of new settlers with Royal Guy Flathers as chair (present throughout hereinafter)

Supplement—it is a column of local events as well for city of Lipscomb (present throughout hereinafter)

"Road notice to non-resident landowners" Various notices of road development, present throughout hereinafter

"Quarterly Report of Casper Millhollon, County Treasurer of Lipscomb County, Texas, of receipts and expenditures form Aug. 1st, '91 to Oct. 31st, 1912, inclusive"

	Balance
Jury Fund	546.00
Road and bridge	4670.17
General county	2340.04
Jail and Court House	608.13
Special Sinking	18.52
Recapitulation	(no balance, debits)

Railroad contract notice

1913

1/2/1913

Front page—"James Arthur Keffer drowns in Plum Creek Tuesday" (4 yr. old)

Bouquet (column of local success stories, present throughout hereinafter) W. L. Owen arrived in 1900 (success story from a shack to an 8 room "fine home")

Bank of Lipscomb summaries

Columns for various communities' events: Fifth Creek and Shadeland (present throughout hereinafter)

Mrs. Elizabeth Browers-Sission died at home of daughter in Lipscomb, born in Germany in 1832 and in 1850 married Vincent Sission

Supplement "About Town and country" (present throughout hereinafter)

1/9/1913 (vol. 1 # 8)

A list of those who have invested in the railroad. 46 names ranging contributions from \$100 to \$2000.

2/6/1913

Front Page "our departed friend" Mrs. H. H. Terry of Sand Creek

Birth and marriage section appears

Column for Stillwater

New steam gangplow notice for rent

3/13/1913

Front page—Boosterism

Other—Red river to gulf highway, 630 miles long, Galveston, Gainesville, Ft. Worth, Dallas, Texarkana

San Antonio-Houston

New Section covering some state news "Local Overflow"

Bonhmer bill—disenfranchisement of illiterates

Senator Collins—worker's compensation bill passed

3/20/1913

Front page—School notes 3 rooms (advanced, intermediate, primary)

Other—"Diversified Farming"

"In domesticating nature's delinquents and capitalizing our pests, we are turning waste into profit and that is what makes a country prosperous as powerful in commerce. We are likewise illustrating that Texas is the birthplace of the mighty economic forces of the 20th Century civilization."

Supplement—"Conference committees on the woman's property bill and the Alamo bill are scheduled to meet during the week."

3/27/1913

Front page—"Surveying for the railroad line through Lipscomb"

Tornado swept Omaha 225 dead

New community column: View Point.

Severe sand storm Wednesday

4/3/1913

Front page—"City building notes" new column (present throughout hereinafter)

"Notice to Teachers" It is "wise and proper" to become certified. Exams.

M. L. Steel Croom sold 100 head, 1013 lbs. average, \$8.25 per 100 lbs.

"The Alamo Heroes Monument" a picture and fund-raising ad

Treasurer's "Quarterly report"

View Point—"A terrible prairie fire"

4/17/1913

Other—"The Lipscomb Feed and Grist Mill" has ordered more machinery J. s. Brussard

4/24/1913

Front page—April shower—"Native Grasses Is (sic.) Shooting Up"

5/1/1913

5/8/1913

Other—"Farm Facts" by Peter Bradford, President of the Farmer's Union" A column with advice for farming (present throughout hereinafter)

Supplement—Commenced construction %100,000 packing plant in Austin

"The rural schools could render a distinct service by planning, home projects during the summer vacation. In addition to the corn,, beef, and canning clubs already organized , they could encourage the inoculation of the sols. spraying the fruit trees, raising pure bred seeds, the study of plant and bird life and other things that the special needs of the several communities might suggest."

Supplement--"Last Friday afternoon put the finishing touches on the summer term o school for Lipscomb Public Schools."

5/13/1913

Front page—The Southwest Telegraph and Telephone Company at Wichita Falls develop survey and find that population will be 18,500 by 1918 and 35,000 by 1928

Other—"The pageant of the West" will show hundred of real Indians in Mississippi

There are 30,000 school trustees in Texas. F. L. Aten, Round Rock is President and L. T. Cunningham, Anson, secretary of State Trustees Association.

The students of UT will have a newspaper edited, controlled and owned by them next year.

5/22/1913

Front page—"Lone star school closes"

"Statement Board of Regents" Senate joint resolution # 18 legislating issue of bonds for appropriations destined to building institutions like UT

5/29/1913

6/5/1913

Front page—"Theisen left for vacation" Owners of the Lipscomb Hotel

"Beaver was visited Monday night by one of the most destructive fires in history" Loss estimated at \$20,000 to \$30,000 the entire block East side of Main Street swept away.

Other—Road notices (more road construction)

6/19/1913

6/26/1913

Front page—"The Texas Good Road Association to meet in Corpus Christi" July 10-12

Other—The Limelight busy building a new directory for the C. H. McKee Phone company

7/3/1913

Front page—"Communication with some encouragement" A letter from Major E. C. Gordon assuring Lipscomb residents that the train will come. "I built the railroad from Clarksville, Tennessee into Southern Kentucky, during the great distressing financial panic from 1885-'86."

7/10/1913

7/17/1913

Front page—Kiowa Laconics (new local events column for community)

Other—"The Indian, Chinese and Japanese population of Texas is confined to twenty-two counties and consists of 702 Red Men, 595 Celestials and 340 Japs according to recent census bulletin." ... "El Paso has the greatest number of Chinese, which is 253."

7/24/1913

Front page—E. C. Gordon dies

Other—dance at the Kiowa school

7/31/1913

Front page—Bio of Eugene C. Gordon-- Born 1845. Joined Confederate Army in 1860. Entrepreneur of coal mine ventures, developed mineral region of Alabama, funded Sheffield, built Plainview railroad.

Supplement—"With major Gordon's death last week, probably Lipscomb County's last hope for their proposed road fled also."

8/7/1913

8/14/1913

Front page—Geo. W. Long Buys 80-acre tract in s. Lipscomb

8/21/1913

Front page—"The passage of the Newland Law arbitrating differences between railroads and their employees is a victory for industrial peace."

"Struck by lightning" Chas. Hoyle struck by a bolt about 16 miles from here

Other—Last Saturday state tax board in Austin adjusted ad valorem tax on \$100.00 property valuation to 23 cents. School tax 17 cents, and added tax for confederate pensions of 5 cents. Total of 45 cents vs. 26 2/3 cents last year.

Panhandle State Fair, Amarillo Oct 6-11

9/4/1913

9/11/1913

9/18/1913

9/25/1913

10/2/1913

10/9/1913

10/16/1913

10/20/1913

10/25/1913

Other—"The Mitchell school came very near having a colored lady teaching up in that district this season and it was all on account of there being too many 'kin folks' in that neighborhood."

"So long as present prices prevail the search for oil and gas will continue."

9/6/1913

(Demonstration farms ads)

11/13/1913

11/20/1913

Front page—Chautauqua program at Prairie View School

11/27/1913

Front page-- "The cooperative gin plans of the Farmer's Union promises to save the farmers of Texas million dollars per annum in cost of ginning the cotton crop."

12/4/ 1913

Front page-- Henry Barton died. Became resident of Lipscomb in 1887

Other—Wichita Falls \$1,072,000 in building permits

San Antonio-Gulf of Mexico Uvalde Railway inaugurated

Obituary William A. Bell—Born 1864 (Iowa), 1898 married Ms. Widmer of Lipscomb

12/18/1913

Other—The stockholders by whose efforts State Bank of Glazier will be formed.

12/25/1913

New Higgins column

Lipscomb Pastor dies—Brother Westbrook

1914

1/1/1914

1/8/1914

1/15/1914

Front page—New column Valley Park community

1/22/1914

Front page—The Beacon Light, a socialist paper in Oklahoma was destroyed by fire Tuesday (Mr. Killough, owner)

Other—J. S. Broussard for commissioner

2/5/1914

2/12/1914

Front page—"Three Act Comedy 'The Suffragette'"

Other—W. L. Owen for Tax Assessor

P. B. Mills for county Judge

2/19/1914

2/26/1914

3/5/1914

3/12/1914

3/19/1914

Other—Dust storm

Glazier review editor Ida Faroll

4/2/1914

Front page—Jess Broussard buys meat market

4/9/1914

Other—Cyclone swept the country N East. (Affected Ivanhoe, Okla. the most)

4/16/1914

Other—Canyon, Texas—Fire destroys West Texas Normal College

4/23/1914

4/30/1914

new column for White City community

Other—Excerpts from Panhandle interstate Fri. Aug. 12, 1887—the first paper published in Lipscomb-- are reproduced here.

5/7/1914

Front page—White city floods did not damage bridge

Other—"Twenty seven years ago" (column excerpts from old newspaper)

5/14/1914

Front page-- New column, Skunk Creek community

5/21//1914

5/28/1914

Other—Road notices throughout Lipscomb County

6/4/1914

5/11/1914

Other— On the making of the Lubbock Irrigation Co.. The main stockholders are Hon. J. L. Warthan and Col. J. S. Williams

6/25/194

7/2/1914

Front page—On the organization of the Beaver Dam Oil co. Shattuck, Okla. (close to Lipscomb)

7/9/1914

7/13/1914

Front page—"Why not try for oil or gas here at home"

Lipscomb County has 69 automobiles and 3 motorcycles

"Thirty convicts in Texas State penitentiary" released in advanced stages of tuberculosis to be taken care at home

7/23/1914

Front page—"Lipscomb's deep well" Earl Danis found oil 59 ft. drill

"Respected citizen succumbs to fatal shot" W. H. Parker (no info on status)

Other—"A noted German sculptor asserts that Jack Johnson, the infamous Negro pugilist, has the finest body in the world. Some people can't simply stay away from a smudge."

7/30/1914

8/6/1914

Front page--Panhandle Institute and Farmer's short course announcement

H. L. Zollars (agriculture student) writes letter to editor to recommend African grasses or planting because it "readily mixes with Johnson grass" one seed produces 500 to 1800 shoots

8/13/1914

8/30/1914

Other—International Harvester company (a farm implement manufacturing company) "dismembered"

8/27/1914

9/3/1914

9/10/1914

9/17/1914

Front page—"Calling to us" news on the war

"Two of the foremost oil promoters of Shattuck Okla." J. W. Foster and Dew Stephens "There'll be a great many more interested in the Ellis county's oil field."

9/21/1914

10/1/1914

Other—"Keep your optics on Mexico—Europe has driven her from the limelight but sooner or later she will emerge with a whoop and a yell and a brand new revolution. Mexicans will cease to revolt when they cease to be Mexicans"

"The better baby movement" led by Miss Amanda Stoltzfus of UT home economics department

10/8/1914

10/15/1914

Other—St. Louis bankers—make a fund available \$150 million, no to exceed 6 cents per lb., to make cotton a liquid asset, stabilizing the price.

10/22/1914

10/29/1914

C. A. Skaggs editorials start picking up on the war

11/12/1914

2nd anniversary of the Limelight

11/19/1914

Other—Ivanhoe "Railroad promoters are within the land"

"The one crop idea is a thing of the past in Texas" "King Cotton will take a vacation"

11/26/1914

Other—"Gradual stamping out of the hoof and mouth disease"

Ochiltree has a flour mill in operation" a success

"The cotton holding plan of Texas Bankers' Association was placed on a permanent basis at a meeting at Dallas."

12/10/1914

12/17/1914

Front page-- Town meeting to organize a flour mill (it flopped)

12/24/1914

12/31/1914

Other—"What Lipscomb needs" Lumber yard, coal yard, furniture store, broom factory, flour mill

Reel # 2 --Jan 7-Dec. 23, 1915

1/7/1915

Supplement—diversification urged in cotton farming

crop 5 yr. avg. value per acre

cotton 21.53

oats 14.35

corn 12.97

wheat 12.76

1/14/1915

1/21/1915

1/28/1915

2/4/1915

Front page—Report of Willow Creek School, district # 8

2/11/1915

2/18/1915

Other—war issues, be frugal and produce a lot (similar articles as the one in Hansford Headlight)

3/4/1915

3/11/1915

8/18/1915

3/25/1915

4/1/1915

4/8/1915

Front page—"Resolution" Hemphill county bar to be located at Canadian
Frank P. Greever judge official at Gray County assassinated.

415/1915

4/22/1915

Gov. Ferguson appointed Frank Wills of Canadian to fill district Judge position at Ochiltree due to death of F. P. Greever

4/29/1915

5/6/1915

Other—Positions are out in Washington, California, Idaho, TX to divide the commonwealth and be created and to create 3 new sovereign states

Other—The Panhandle weekly, a new newspaper in Amarillo, M. J. Cheney, editor.

5/13/1915

Other—"An odd editorial" appeared in Lake Arthur (Ta.) Herald (Shreveport) to abolish the Supreme Court. (they reversed people's vote to remain "wet")

5/20/1915

6/3/1915

6/10/1915 (Thursday)

Other—Cyclone passed last Thursday

6/17/1915

6/24/1915

7/1/1915

7/8/1915

7/15/1915

Front page----"Another old-timer gone" Findley Grissom. Board of directors of Lipscomb bank. Came to Lipscomb in 1900

7/22/1915

Front page—Vote cast in favor of issuance of road bonds

7/29/1915

Front page—"La Kemp Northwestern Planned" Railway Co. (Beaver county investors). From Ivanhoe will move West to Guymon through Texas.

8/19/1915

8/29/1915

9/2/1915

9/9/1915

Front page—"Corner Stone Laying" West Texas Normal College at Canyon.

Judge Nelson Phillips—chief justice of Texas Supreme Court presides. Ceremonies by Masonic lodge.

"Investigator's editor, retires" Henry Purcell retires (Ochiltree) sold paper to Mr. R. W. Jones of Texhoma.

\$25.00 reward" Lipscomb Schoolhouse vandalized

9/16/1915

9/23/1915

9/30/1915

10/7/1915

Other—Ochiltree is soon to have a small jail

10/14/1915

Other—"Open season for game" 1915 game laws Lists animal and dates that they can be hunted. No game: Does, spotted fawns, antelope, sheep, prairie chicken, introduced pheasants (sic.).

10/21/1915

Other—"Mineral resources of Texas" Prepared for Lipscomb by the Bureau of Economic Geology of the University of Texas

10/28/1915

Other—Laying of the track of the Beaver Townsite (OK)

11/4/1915
11/11/1915

11/24/1915
Front page—new columns for localities “Goodwin in Breif (sic.)”
“Alfalfa news”

Other—Report on hog cholera cases

12/9/1915
12/16/1915
12/23/1915
12/23/1915

Other-- new column for locality “La Kemp Whispers”

Other—“Order and notice of election” announcing new subdivision of Lipscomb county (freeholders)

Reel # 3 1/16/1916- 6/5/1919

Front page—“County treasurer Jasper Millhollon dies” age 76

1/13/1916
1/20/1916

1/27/1916

Other—From reports coming inform well diggers on the western part of the county, it has a sound like oil was being struck at no great distance down sufficient to make an oily spot on top pf the water and some of them do say strong enough to burn.”

2/10/1916
2/17/1916
2/24/1916
23/2/1916
4/13/1916
4/20/1916
4/27/1916
5/4/1916
5/11/1916
5/18/1916
5/25/1916

6/1/1916

Front page—“For district judge” Hon. Frank Willis

7/16/1916
7/13/1916

Newspaper format change to 5 column/ includes wires. War news become prominent.

Front page—New paper at La Kemp. P. F. Royal La Kemp Citizen

Other—Delinquent tax lists—Lipscomb & Higgins fight boll weevil with livestock.

“Historic crimes & mysteries” Walt Mason

7/20/1916
8/3/1916
8/17/1916
8/24/1916

New community column “Mac Donald Ranch”

Front page—“Hospital building starts” Canadian

8/31/1916
9/7/1916
9/14/1916
9/21/1916
10/5/1916
10/12/1916

Front page—"Ochiltree shooting" Judge P. T. Correll and Dr. W. J. Brewer
"Indians are coming" Canadian—100 Cheyenne to execute mock battle "as in early days your grandfather lived"
10/19/1916
Other—"New election precincts" Notice
10/26/1916
11/2/1916

11/9/1916
Front page—"German Lutherans build church"
"Election returns" Precincts
Higgins, Second Creek, M. Jones, Pundts, Cope
"A railroad" A list of propositions (Gordon-Hobbs) \$115,000.00 subscribed between Higgins and
Lispcomb

11/16/1916
11/23/1916
11/30/1916

12/7/1916
Front page—"Farmers raided engines" for coal—Wichita Falls

12/21/1916
(1916=37 count)

1917

1/4/1917
Front page—"Bassard Building" Moving picture show
"Looking Better" Oil exploration
Other—"Compulsory military service"
Short stories—twice a month supplement magazine

1/11/1917
1/17/1917
Front page—City saves \$5790 with water tower up in mountain
Other—The Texas Company (oil advertisement) will pursue with 35th legislature the capacity to extend several
branches of oil production and business.

1/25/1917
Amarillo installs electric poles "White way"

2/1/1917
2/8/1917
2/15/1917

2/22/1917
Front page—"B. P. McKee shoots wife four times and kills self"
"on a farm in NE part of county, few miles from Ochiltree"
"Prairie dog law"

3/8/1917
3/15/1917

3/22/1917
Front page—"Pioneer passes away" B. J. Jackson, AKA "Uncle Ben" died at Valley Park—84 years of age. Oldest
settler in Ochiltree, fought Indians and hunted buffalo. Killed "probably the only white buffalo in the
county."

Other—Lipscomb now an ISD

“Peace comet due in July” Prof. Wolf of Heidelberg discovered it in 1916

3/29/1917

Front Page “Winners” Interscholastic contestants

Lipscomb

Locust Grove

Cope School

Russel

Gillaloo

Prairie View

Jones

Higgins

Turner

Sand Creek

45/1917

Front page—“The shame of Texas” 90,776 white children of school age never attended school

Other—Legal notices to all delinquent (tax) unknown owners

4/12/1917

D-C-D highway (Dallas-Canadian-Denver)

4/26/1917

4/26/1917 (copy)

5/3/1917

5/17/1917

5/24/1917

6/7/1917

6/14/1917

“Glazier big blaze” (most of central town burnt)

“March change name” Farwell & Texico to “State Line”

Other—“The passing of cattle king.” Food production vs. cattle production is the Texas dilemma (Ranch vs. farm issues)

6/21/1917

Registration list of Lipscomb County

6/28/1917

7/5/1917

7/19/1917

F. P. Ferguson joins Red Cross Canning Club

8/2/1917

Other—draft notice

9/6/1917

9/13/1917

Dots and dashes column appears—SW section

Other—Longwood—New town on Santa Fe Railway (N of Lipscomb)

9/20/1917

Other—“Texas crop report”

9/27/1917
10/11/1917
Other --“An automobile to be built in Texas”

10/18/1917
Front page—Dougers killed (Fireman at the Santa Fe) head out of train cab

11/15/1917
11/22/1917

Reel 2, Jan 6, 1919 to June 5, 1919

1/9/1919
Front page-- “Conservation, the greatest need”
“The pioneers progress” “...when oilmen prosper, farmer’s prosper”

1/16/1919
1/23/1919

1/30/1919
Front page—“Influenza situation not inspiring” (Miamia)

2/6/1919
2/13/1919
2/20/1919

2/27/1919
Front page—“West Texas Chamber of Commerce assured”

3/6/1919
3/13/1919
3/20/1919
Front page—“Town sick with flu”

3/27/1919
“Old timer gone” W. L. Owen, county assessor

4/3/1919
Other—“Hunt County votes \$2,000,000 for roads”

4/17/1919
Front page—“The massive skylight over Canadian Hardware & Furniture Store, fell.” “An examination of soldered joints of iron framework showed solder partly broken was the cause.
“Nearby gossip” column now includes Follett and Follett Times excerpts
“J. W. Douglas autoed to Follett for the first time since the new town started”
“The First Bank” is the name of a new one that is now opened and ready for businesses in the new town of Lourwood

4/24/1919
Front page-- “Canadian will pave” mayor judge W. A. Palmer
Other—“Panhandle has heroes in all branches of services.” Lists of locals who bought liberty bonds, e.g., Captain Will Erwin, air service aviator and Congressman Marvin Jones (Amarillo). Elexis P. Mines, former post master of Bell Ranch.

5/1/1919

5/8/1919

"D-C-D and Del Rio-Canadian" highway updates

5/15/1919

5/22/1919

Front page-- Warner Stoner, successful oil man, received big acreage NW part of Lipscomb and \$10,000 to put two tests for oil. The Frass Ranch on the Kiowa is the prospective location.

6/5/1919

Front Page-- During the past three weeks—management purchased the Follett times of B. A. Huniston—The Lipscomb Limelight office will move there.

**Lipscomb County
City of Higgins, Texas**

Higgins News

Reel 1 Starting Date August 18, 1904 through December 24, 1915 (weekly)

Description based on issue 2/19/1914

This is a weekly, 7-column, 8 page newspaper that reports mostly on local events. There are several columns spread throughout (placement is inconsistent from issue to issue) the paper that report on various community activities.

The front page is a mixed bag of local and some national and international news. At least 2 columns are used to advertise the local banks. Contains two or three columns on personal social notes.

"Territory topics" covers Oklahoma, Texas, and the Indian Territory.

Novels are part of this paper as well.

"Stock news" covers rancher's business news from all these territories.

A small Classifieds section is also available.

For women there are several columns "The Kitchen cabinet" and several fashion notes, for the family, there is the "Sunday School column"

"Texas Facts" column on development statistics, there is also a column on highways and roads.

On agricultural and live-stock related instruction there are various columns: "Farm stock," "Poultry" column," and on mechanical instruction there are: "The electrical world," "Industry and Mechanics," "Science and invention."

Doctor column

"School-notes" reports on local honor rolls and covers mostly the Higgins schoolhouse.

Regular columns for local news include information and letters sent from other towns (Glazier, Hopewell, Lipscomb, Prairie View and Oklahoma).

There is also a youth column that includes games and other pleasant amusements, and one column for bedtime stories.

The 1915 themes deal mostly with the War in Europe.

Vicinity reports covered:

Stillwater

Gillalloo

Excerpts from Clarendon news appear in later years (1916)

Follett (1918)

1919 (1/31) there is an announcement to Higgins subscribers that their subscription to the Higgins News now includes issues of the Southwest Plainsman as well. Article and editorial exchange offering...

8/18/1904

8/25/1904

"Negro organization" The suffrage league of Indian Territory (I. T.) adopted a platform of unrestricted suffrage.

"Don't want Negroes" Third attempt to dynamite restaurant was successful. Owned by Elijah Neyil in Pawnee.

9/1/1904

Other—"Town lot sale" Mill Creek, Indian Territory

"Armed insane man" Bernie Marshall, a Negro armed with Winchester is in "jungle of the delta" of Arkansas and Verdigris River.

9/8/1904

Other—new column "Higgins news"

"Texas Topics" reporting on Texas State events

9/15/1904

9/22/1904

Other—"Waco gamblers hit hard" Judge sends warrants to 40 people.

9/29/1904

"Some wise guy at St. Louis with a bag of money in view, is doing his best to get about 10,000 japs to locate in Texas rice fields. Wile Texas is in sympathy with them in their war, she does not want a horde of the little devils located here."

Texas topics—"New road to Galveston"

"Cotton fields are attractive" Terrell—Mexicans to build Texas Pacific railroad—quit. The Negroes previously working on the railroad deserted to pick cotton.

"Houston street car strike"

"Green's ants doing well" Terrell—Dr. Cook brought Guatemalan ants to destroy boll weevil.

"An oil tank in Pt. Arthur, Texas, struck by lightning" 5 dead, estimated damage at \$25,000

10/13/1904

Texas Topics—"Pioneers dead" Daniel H. Youngblood--Newton County, came in 1824.

John Lupot, died in his near Dallas home. Native of France came in 1857

10/20/1904

Texas topics—"manning will hang" Negro employed in Dallas saloon (no more info.)

10/27/1904

D. N. Zollars "Called home" (He was in the family of the editor of the Higgins News--father?)

11/3/1904

Front page—D. N. Zollars—came from Pennsylvania, to Kansas and then to Texas in 1884. Assistant cashier at bank of Higgins

11/10/1904

Front page—"The Victors" districts of Higgins, Lipscomb, Miama, Second Creek (Roosevelt elections outcome)

Texas Topics—"Centenarian dies at Houston" W. F. Faulkner. Served in confederate army.

"Quail eats weevils"

"First train Belton-Temple" line

11/17/1904

Front page-- "Treasurer's report" quarterly.

P. J. Davis, county treasurer

B. E. Shutterfly, county clerk

"To lynch three Negroes" (Kentucky)

12/8/1904

Front page—"Higgins to have gin" Electric plant too.

12/21/1904

Texas Topics "Oil strike at Jewett"

12/29/1904

"A panhandle packing plant" Amarillo

Other—"Congressional news" a report on bills introduced and passed

1905

1/5/1905

Front page—"Gone home" Thomas Parks (pioneer -- not much info)

1/12/1905

Texas Topics—"Saratoga oil field booms"

3/2/1905

3/30/1905

"All over Texas" a new column

Ed Potts, a Negro—placed in jail, charged with assault at Sherman.

4/6/1905

4/13/1905

Other—"The importation of immigrants has begun at the Texas seaports. It's a shame that the scum of Europe should be allowed to enter and pollute this grand old state. But as long as they pay their fare, they can come."

4/20/1905

Front page—New community columns—Stillwater and Gillaloo

4/27/1905

Other—"Mail routes"

Higgins-Lipscomb,

Shadeland-Stillwater

Higgins to Little Robe

Higgins to Allmon, O. T. (Oklahoma territory?)

Higgins to Loewen, O. T.

Lipscomb routes include Ochiltree, Kiowa, Wauweke, Gragon, and Taz

5/11/1905

Front page-- "Small pox" in Lockwood, 8 cases. "A state of terror prevails among citizens of that neighborhood"

5/18/1905

5/23/1905

Front page—"Killing at Miami—Sheriff and citizen dead"

Tom Steward, sheriff and Dave Laird in courtroom (shot first and then committed suicide)

6/1/1905

Other—Lightning set on fire the island station at Stratford

New column "Higgins news"

"county directory"

6/8/1905

"All over Texas" column

"Jim Brown, a Negro, was arrested at Sallinger and placed in jail, charged with the murder at that place on last Saturday night of George McNeas, another Negro, who was found dead having evidently been killed with a knife"

Boll weevils appeared in Williamson County by the millions

"Henry Lee, a Negro county convict was drowned while bathing in Mulberry Canyon, near Abilene, Monday."

New novel—"The convict country: on fighting for a million" by Charles Morris Butler

"Severe earthquakes in Japan"

"Negro abilities"

"Fresh proof that the ancient Ethiopians were a people of high culture and marked intellectual advancement is furnished by Prof. David Randall MacIver from the University of Pennsylvania, who has returned from Nubia with a collection of antiquities of artistic worth and much variety and aggregating five tons in weight. The articles he has gathered, Prof MacIver says, represent early Negro civilization that lasted for at least seven centuries. Included among the antiquities are various works of art and also some Ethiopic inscriptions. Prof MacIver adds: 'our excavations have shown that the source of civilization of the

period which our work in lower Nubia covered was Ethiopian. All the Negro works of art discovered in an extensive cemetery lying about ten feet under the ground between Wady Halfa and Assouan in lower Nubia.' That was the seat of an important empire away back in the dim and distant years, and the race in control was black. This should tend to confirm belief that the Negro is capable of better."

7/30/08

Picture of the Higgins flouring mill

Entire page on "Kingston torn and desolated by quake. Will soon be only a memory."

Amendment to the constitution on taxation

Reel 1, 1913

5/1/1913

Other—Peter Bradford "Farm Facts" column appears

5/8/1913

Other—"For the convenience of the average reader" a column that gives briefs on national and state events
Senate bills now effective—4 columns of laws and senate bills

Santa Fe Railway time card shows the transportation itinerary

"11,000 demonstration farms" Texas industrial congress map of farms used to demonstrate agricultural techniques

5/15/1913

Front page—"Jack Johnson, the pugilist, has been found guilty of white slave traffic. Good!"... "J.J. would never have been anything but a big black man if he had not been lauded to the skies..." "... And the money he got in the ring helped make him a dirty low creature, deserving the just penalty of the law and scorn of both white and black."

5/29/1913

Front page—"Prospects encouraging" The Mountain, Valley and Plains Railroad president Del W. Harrington says that this track is expected to pass through Higgins in order to connect the coal fields in the West.

Other—"Oklahoma notes" and "Lipscomb news" new column

6/13/1913

6/19/1913

6/26/1913

Reel 1, 1914

"Natural gas proposition" Major Ewing received a letter of a party to put pipeline from Oklahoma-Higgins to New Mexico.

New vicinity column" Hopewell"

1/8/1914

1/15/1914

1/22/1914

Other—"Is the tango respectable?"

The Gray-Frass Opera House is in business.

1/29/1914

Front page—"Death of Mrs. J. K. French" one of the old settlers of the Panhandle, he came 23 years ago. Born in Virginia 3/4/1870 and died in Higgins 1/27/1914

2/5/1914

Other—"Molly MacDonald, a tale of the frontier" novel by Randall Parrish
New columns—"Farm Stock" and "Good Roads"

2/12/1914

"Texas Railway mileage map, 1913"

new column "notes of science and invention"

Other-- "The Glazier review lady does not seem to relish the idea that Chinamen and women cannot vote in Texas."

New column—"The kitchen cabinet"

2/19/1914

Other—"Crazy Snake is gone—leader Oklahoma uprising now in Bolivia"

2/26/1914

3/6/1914

3/13/1914

3/20/1914

3/21/1914

4/3/1914

4/10/1914

4/17/1914

4/17/1914

4/24/1914

5/1/1914

5/8/1914 (out of focus)

5/8/1914 Copy 2

5/15/1914

Front Page—"Drilling for Oil" Machinery hauled from Shattuck to Schultz"

"Raising the Flag" Interesting editorial commentating on the US Flag in Vera Cruz "67 years ago"

p.4 "Some good may come of taking Vera Cruz even if we go no further" (Commentary)

5/22/1914 (copy 2)

5/29/1914

6/5/1914

6/12/1914

6/19/1914

Front Page-- "Harvest in progress in the Page Neighborhood"

p. 4 "Rumor has it that Willa and Carranza have fallen out. When thieves fall out, honest men may have an
inning, but where in the world of Mexico can an honest man be found? Thieves, however, are plentiful."

p.5 "Six of our young ladies arose near the hour of four Monday morning and went camping at Cold
Springs... but they say they fully demonstrated they could make a dandy campfire without the aid of a
man and consequently we can surmise they are going to turn suffragettes."

p. 8 "Church directory"

6/26/1914

7/3/1914

Front Page—"The Schultz oil-well"

7/10/1914

7/17/1914

7/24/1914

Front Page—"W. H. Parker killed" (Lipscomb rancher)

8/7/1914

8/14/1914

P. 4 "Fair committee" names of all those involved in "boosting" Higgins, 5th annual fair

8/21/1914

P. 3 "The only active Volcano in the US" Lassen Peak erupted

8/29/1914

9/4/1914

9/11/1914

Front Page—Itinerary of the 5th annual fair of Higgins

9/18/1914

Front Page—"The nigger minstrel" the band boys will put a "nigger show" for the fair

9/25/1914

10/2/1914

10/9/1914

P. 2 "Sudan grass attracts much attention," article talks about cultivation of this grass at Robertson, Texas and states that it is the best forage crop for semi-arid regions.

10/30/1914

11/6/1914

11/13/1914

11/20/1914

Front Page—Joint teachers' institute of Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hemphill to be held at Higgins on December 19-24

11/27/1914

12/4/1914

12/11/1914

12/18/1914

12/25/1914

1915

Higgins News 1904-1915

Box 65 reel 1

1/1/1915

1/8/1915

1/15/1915

1/22/1915

Front Page—Changes in Santa Fe train service itinerary (chart)

2/5/1915

P. 3 Foot and mouth disease "has broken out again" but Lipscomb not yet affected

2/19/1915

2/26/1915

3/5/1915

3/12/1915

3/19/1915

Front Page—"Old trail drivers form organization" "Cowmen of the Southwest, who near a half a century ago drove cattle to market along old trails leading from Texas pastures and markets of the north, formed an organization at San Antonio during the Texas Cattle Raiser's convention." Seven states are represented: Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Kansas, Wyoming, and Colorado.

3/26/1915

4/2/1915

4/9/1915

Front Page—"Funeral Services for Judge Greever" Judge of 31st judicial district (Miami) died in LeFors.

4/46/1915

4/23/1915

4/30/1915

p. 8 Pictures of Chas. Pewee and Sadie Pewee, "The world's best colored performers" of the J. W. Johnson Virginia's Minstrels

5/7/1915

5/14/1915 (Lusitania story all over)

5/21/1915

5/28/1915

p. 4 "It appears that Mexicans are wound up and must fight till (sic) they get unwound."
Contains other amusing editorials on the strong women of the South

6/11/1915

Front Page—"Much damage from floods"

"Masonic picnic"

P. 4, col. 3 This is a reflection on the farmer's way of life and its spiritual value to the community.

"Truly the man who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow has a hard row to hoe. When it is dry his crops burn up, and when it rains too much his crops wash out or are covered up. All is vanity and vexation of spirit. But the farmer is one of those creatures of fate who manages to be happy under discouraging circumstances and come out right side up with care when the harvest is garnered. If it was not for the cheerful farmer, this old world of ours would sort of stagnate and be no earthly account."

6/18/1915

6/25/1915

7/2/1915

7/9/1915

P. 4 (Col. 2 bottom) interesting patriotic commentary on immigrants' expectations as to their loyalty to the US

7/18/1915

Front Page—"New bridges for Wolfe Creek"

7/23/1915

7/30/1915

Front Page—Ad for the 6th annual fair of Higgins

P. 8 col 3 "This is a dogless town. Since the edict went forth that every dog seen on the streets should be killed..." a canine quarantine was prompted by a dog that appeared to have rabies

8/6/1915

Front Page—Col. 5 "Nigger shooters" This is an editorial asking parents to keep an eye on their youth and their toys' weapons' "nigger shooters' are certainly out of place when used on the live stock of a neighbor."

8/13/1915

8/20/1915

Front Page—"Fire at Canadian" 1 life lost

8/27/1915

P. 4 "The mob that murdered Leo Frank should be so soundly dealt with that no more lynchings would ever happen in Georgia."

9/3/1915

Front Page—"Half million dollars to loan" The Citizen's National Bank—cattle loans

9/10/1915

9/17/1915

9/25/1915

10/1/1915

Front Page—Fair awards—farm, stock, and agricultural production samples
"Seed wheat"

10/8/1915

Front Page—paper boosts for \$100 dollar shares for the local mill

10/29/1915

11/5/1915

11/12/1915

11/19/1915

Front Page—Picture of the Gerlach-Higgins Mill

11/26/1915

12/3/1915

12/10/1915

12/17/1915

12/24/1915

Reel 2 Jan 7, 1916-Dec. 1919

1/7/1916

Front Page—"Passed away" Jasper Millhollon—county treasurer born Missouri March 11, 1840—died Lipscomb
Jan 1916

1/14/1916

p. 2 Review of notable events in 1915 (national and international as well)

1/21/1916

2/4/1916

2/11/1916

2/18/1916

2/25/1916

3/3/1916

p. 6 "A Beauty from Texas" Picture of Mary Taylor of Tyler, Texas, cousin of Attorney General Thomas Watts
Gregory—Southern belle charms Washington society

3/10/1916

3/17/1916

3/24/1916

3/31/1916
4/7/1916

4/14/1916
Front Page—Fire at Canadian destroyed Gerlach store and First National building

4/21/1916
4/28/1916
5/5/1916

5/12/1916
p. 3 col. 2 “another raid on the border by Mexican bandits has caused the president of the US to call again for troops to protect the borders.”

5/19/1916
p. 3 “San Francisco recently observed the tenth anniversary of its destruction by earthquake and fire.”

5/26/1916
6/2/1916
6/9/1916
6/16/1916
6/23/1916
6/30/1916
7/7/1916
7/14/1916
7/21/1916
7/28/1916
8/4/1916
8/11/1916
8/18/1916
8/25/1916

9/1/1916
Front Page—“New auto road” Amarillo-Higgins

9/8/1916
9/15/1916

9/22/1916
9/29/1916
10/6/1916
10/13/1916
10/20/1916
10/27/1916

11/3/1916
“Walter Bobo, manager of Box T Ranch”

11/10/1916

11/17/1916
p. 6 “Soldiers came within an ace of getting Villa” on the Columbus primitive expedition

11/24/1916
12/8/1916
12/15/1916

12/22/1916

reel 2, 1917

1/5/1917

1/12/1917

1/19/1917

1/26/1917⁷

2/2/1917

Front Page—"prospecting for oil" D. L. Kemp engaged leases on Lipscomb county land with oil prospects in view

2/9/1917

2/16/1917

2/23/1917

Front Page—"oil well started" drilling operations commenced at the Boyd place, 14 miles NE of Higgins... oil was found in Schultz well 8 miles east

3/2/1917

3/9/1917

3/9/1917

3/16/1917

3/23/1917

3/30/1917

4/6/1917

4/13/1917

4/20/1917

4/27/1917

5/4/1917

5/11/1917

5/18/1917

5/25/1917

6/1/1917

6/8/1917-

"The Hockaday trail blazed" Chicago to El Paso

6/15/1917

6/22/1917

6/29/1917

7/6/1917

p. 4 A & M at Abilene—essay deploring decision

7/13/1917

7/20/1917

7/27/1917

p. 4 Clarendon News sold, Joe M. Warren sold to Sam M. Braswell
State University has opened again

⁷ The novel the Quarter-breed is on this paper. Much of this material looks redundant--I feel confident that we have covered these years (1914-1917) well.

8/3/1917
8/10/1917

8/17/1917
p. 3 Food conservation campaign (Hoover)

8/31/1917
9/7/1917
9/14/1917
9/14/1917
9/21/1917
9/28/1917
10/5/1917

10/12/1917
p. 4 Canadian Record, 13-year anniversary
p. 8 Glazier, Texas, capitalization \$500,000, seeking contribution/ shares “want every man”

10/19/1917

10/26/1917
11/2/1917

11/9/1917
p. 4 sugar famine
p. 5 “the melting pot” table presents number of American newspaper printed in foreign languages who give print space in the newspaper to US government.

11/16/1917
11/23/1917

11/30/1917
Front Page—“Death of General Maude mourned on plains—British commander in Mesopotamia was formerly West Texan.” London Nov. 19

...General Maude was known in Amarillo by a number of old settlers. In 1887 he was manager of the famous X. I. T. Ranch, which belongs to the Capitol Freehold Land Company. He had his headquarters in the plains about forty miles from Amarillo and often was seen in these parts. He was succeeded by Col. Boyce. From Amarillo, General Maude went to Childress. At that time, he was not a general and possibly had seen little or no military service. Later he returned to England and became an officer in the British Army. Many of his acquaintances followed his career in Mesopotamia with great interest.—Amarillo News
(The editor adds) ...There is no question that his experience in the plains fitted him for the great work of his life—the conquest of the valleys of the Euphrates and Tigris and the expulsion of the unspeakable Turk from the location of the Garden of Eden...

12/7/1917
Front Page-- “Oil well project” A. M. And Sam Gardiner—raising money for 4,000 feet well

p. 8 excavation for storm cellar in Hopewell (OK)

12/14/1917
p. 5 the draft

12/21/1917
12/28/1917

Front Page—Hamilton oil and gas company to obtain franchise from Higgins to pipe gas for lighting
p. 8 letters from Camp Bowie

Reel 2, 1918

Label states dates missing for 1918-1919: 10/24/1918; 7/6/, 9/5, 9/19, and 9/26/1919

1/4/1918
1/11/1918

Front Page—"Oil news" stocks being sold for shares in the oil well

1/18/1918
1/25/1918
2/1/1918
2/8/1918
2/15/1918

2/22/1918
p. 8 col. 6 Higgins has a post-mistress (as opposed to a post-master), "Postmistress Winsett"

3/1/1918
3/8/1918

3/15/1918
p. 6—Arnett Leader out f business (newspaper)

3/22/1918
3/29/1918
4/5/1918

4/12/1918

Front Page—"William Madison Hicks opposing bond buying tarred and feathered" under indictment for Western Division of Oklahoma in charges of violating espionage act by attempting to hinder war program.
Socialist was deported.

"Oil derrick on ground"
p. 3 "Women suffrage law" information on what it means, who can vote, etc.

4/19/1918
p. 7 early closing hours—local businesses must give an hour so that people go plant gardens

5/3/1918
p. 3 col. 3 "Yellow paint and wet ropes" Miami citizens tied gentleman to a post and whipped with wet rope.
Apparently for doing "disloyal remarks"... "The Herald is not in favor of mob laws..." but does not condone disloyal action against the war resolutions (this editorial is from Carson county so it may be the Panhandle Herald)

p. 4 "oil well located" section 352 2 miles due north of the city (Higgins?)

5/10/1918

5/17/1918

Front Page—Mr. Shaffer the oil well driller from Amarillo is in town

5/24/1918

Front Page-- "Off for the border" Texas State Guards trained in Canadian
p. 4 Water work ordinance (conservation measures)

5/31/1918

6/7/1918

p. 2 Miami Chief (newspaper) reports hail and rain

6/14/1918

Front Page—"The Eclipse" Saturday evening last (this paper is issued on Fridays) 6:27 PM sun almost totally
obscured, by 7:27 the sun was shining again
p. 3 "Blackleg" Kansas blackleg vaccine serum available at Citizens National Bank, Higgins
Registration for draft—Higgins, Lipscomb, Kiowa, Ivanhoe, Follette, Glazier, LaKemp, Shattuck, and
Lourwood

6/21/1918

6/28/1918

p. 4 C. Warwick—ed. Randall County News (Canyon) and M. L. Moody—McLean News ed. Both
volunteered for the war
(Interesting series of editorials on "women and the ballot" within this period and over some of the
previous issues)

7/5/1918

"Passed away" June 29, 1918—Learah Barton Cessna, born in Lipscomb county Dec. 8, 1879

7/12/1918

p. 3 "That \$156,000 Ferguson got... hangs on to him like the dog..."

7/19/1918

p. 3 "A flaw in the melting pot" interesting editorial on reace relations as the editor "sees it"

7/26/1918

Paper reduced due to conservation paper law (4-6 pages)

8/2/1918

8/16/1918

8/23/1918

8/30/1918

9/6/1918

9/13/1918

9/20/1918

9/27/1918

10/4/1918

10/11/1918

p. 2 "Some are advocating making daylight saving law a permanent institution. It is argued that many tons
of coal will be saved by this plan...."

p. 3 editorial

"How did the influenza get started? Did the Germans spread it?"

p. 4 new column "Follett and vicinity"

10/18/1918

p. 4 "Keep well—how to avoid influenza and other sickness."

10/25/1918

Front Page—"Quarantine not ice" Influenza prevention measures from City Council

11/1/1918

Front Page—"Death of E. L. Farmer" pastor of Baptist church at Higgins, died in Plainview

11/8/1918

11/15/1918

11/22/1918

11/29/1918

p. 4 "Henry Barnett missing" MIA in France, boy from Higgins

12/6/1918

12/13/1918

Front Page—(col.2) severe epidemic of the Flu in Miami

12/20/1918

12/27/1918

Reel 2, 1919

1/3/1919

Front Page—"The evolution of Liberty and Bolshevism" This colorful editorial ends like this..."Beware of these critters. Be on the lookout for them—and when you find them swat them! And swat them hard!"

1/10/1919

1/17/1919

1/24/1919

1/31/1919

p. 2 news from the Canadian Record (Jamison, editor)

p. 3 "The Southwest Plainsman" The Higgins News announces an exchange of subscribers and news briefs with this newspaper

2/7/1919

2/14/1919

p. 2 "national women suffrage missed one vote of carrying..."

2/21/1919

2/28/1919

3/7/1919

3/14/1919

3/21/1919

3/28/1919

4/4/1919

p. 2 "Oklahoma has passed a law that only English language shall be used in public schools up to eighth grade."

4/11/1919

p. 2 Jamison sells Canadian Record to Editor Loomis.

4/18/1919

p. 4 Miami chief reports another flu epidemic

4/25/1919

p. 2 Meeting at Vernon of the editors of the Panhandle Press Association

Vernon Record

Canadian Record

Southwest Plainsman

Clarendon News

Higgins News

5/2/1919

5/9/1919

5/16/1919

Front Page—"A ringed moon" record of phenomenal sight "golden ring"

5/23/1919

5/30/1919

Front page—"The oil well" work resumed in McMullen County

Missing 6/7

6/13/1919

Front Page—Lipscomb Limelight moved from county seat to Follett where Editor Skaggs will publish in conjunction to the Follett Times.

p. 3 UT requests the Higgins news to file their newspapers back to 1914 for a project documenting Texans and their activities during the war

6/20/1919

6/27/1919

Front Page—"Senator Bell Shot" at Cromwell, Texas

"Oil notes" Hemphill county reports oil activity Lamb Oil Co. (Kansas)

7/4/1919

7/11/1919

7/18/1919

7/23/1919

8/1/1919

p. 2 Readers given a change from war poetry (last 3 years)

8/8/1919

Front Page—local news item on a man from Darrouzett new town which was formerly Lourwood

8/15/1919

p. 2 "Governor Hobby has vetoed the bill authorizing the teaching of German at the University of Texas."

8/22/1919

8/29/1919

p. 3 First offering of the Wolf Creek Oil Co.

- p. 4 The opening of "Perryton the county seat" in Ochiltree took place on Friday last (8/8), prior county seat was Ochiltree. During the opening an airplane fell and injured two men.

Missing 9/5

9/12/1919

Front Page—Oil leases for sale ad by the Hamilton Oil. Co

- p. 2 "The free textbook law is a good one"

Missing 9/19, 9/26

10/3/1919.

- p. 2 Mount Mauna Loa in Hawaii, eruption

Missing 10/10

10/17/1919

Texas lost 4,651 to tuberculosis in 1918

Missing 10/20

10/31/1919

Front Page—The Miami chief reports that Lipscomb town is moving to Perryton, 5 miles north from that town. the editor of the Higgins news questions his geographic skills. [This is possibly referring to Ochiltree rather than Lipscomb.]

- p. 3 "An ordinance" contract between city of Higgins and C. J. Tennison for the purchase of electric light, to be named as "City of Higgins Electric Light Warrants" and issued \$9,400.00 worth of these through the Higgins Bank

11/7/1919

- p. 2 Higgins news, 15th anniversary, under management of Mr. And Mrs. Shaw

III. OLDHAM TO WHEELER NEWSPAPER SUMMARY FILE¹

Amarillo city
Potter County
(Amarillo miscellaneous microfilm reel)

Caldwell imprint (semi-occasional)
1/16/1907

1/16/1907

This is only one issue and is related to religious matters.

¹ Stories and sections repeat over several dates, particularly if the newspapers are of the same week or month. Mention is given to new information about the events once. It may be covered again as the story develops.

Initial coverage gives the reader an idea of the paper's format, such as columns, sections, classifieds, special editions, novels or short stories. This summary is non-exhaustive. Themes may be mentioned in this document only once as they appear. The reader must keep in mind that these may be repeated over several issues.

<p><i>nd</i> = no dates mentioned, <i>nn</i> = no names mentioned <i>quotes</i> signify headlines or actual newspaper quotes <i>***</i> = of potential earthquake study interest <i>?</i> = approximation of information due to conditions of newspaper</p>

Twice a Week Herald
Will Robinson, City Editor
Start date of batch 3/31/1905 to 11/16/1906

1/31/1905

The *Twice a Week Herald* in these early days is mostly a local newspaper. It is a 7-column, 8 page newspaper and the front page tends to cover the agendas of several clubs and also provides information on market prices of different commodities.

Reports diverse items that people send in covering local news of their communities. These are:

Witherspoon & Gough
Panhandle
Hudson
Stratford (reprints from the Panhandle news)
Tascosa
Dumas
Vega
Groom
Canadian
Pullman
Lockney

“Weather story”—this column gives a monthly account of the weather. Provides monthly info for the date in case for the last 14-year record compiled by the Weather Bureau. Provides a “Miscellaneous phenomena” section recording dust storms, hail, thunderstorms, blizzards, etc. (but no earthquakes)

Railroad timetable. This schedule table shows the railroad tracts available and functioning connecting Amarillo to other places in the Panhandle.

Toward 1906-1907, Associated Press² briefs become more frequent. These usually are reprinted to inform readers on national and international affairs.

The local bowery (saloon) gets a lot of press since there are a lot of brawls and most of the crime seems to come from this part of town.

Other recurrent reportage--Local crime stories, accidents, deaths; railroad news, poems, local comings and goings; essays on farm experiments: corn, flax, and hogs; marriages, games (baseball, inter-Panhandle games); real estate transfers, monthly statements on banks; store, business mergers, dissolutions or exchanges; and (in 1907) the 5,000,000 club and Baracca class (religious study group).

The *Twice a Week Herald* becomes the *Weekly Herald* toward the end of 1906 (November) and the nature of the columns change. Most of the daily and local news are reprints of the “Daily Panhandle,” which according to UTCAT was absorbed by the Amarillo Daily News.³

3/31/1905

p. 7 LX Ranch AD \$2.50 to \$7.50 per acre
New column “With the sporting folk”

There’s much reportage on
Cuba and the Spanish War
Philippines
Russia
Mexico

² Abbreviated A.P. or AP

³ This means that the *Weekly Herald* covers the highlights of the *Daily Panhandle*. There is an overlap between these papers. Thus, I will summarize events and news under the *Weekly Herald*. So, the *Weekly Herald* summary will serve as a guide to find events in the *Daily Panhandle*.

Lamb wire fence ad—also recurrent E. S. Burgess the sole agent

5/12/1905

Other—"City Council considers the application for the telephone company"
Schools are: Amarillo academy, Clarendon college (other county)

9/12/1905

Front page—Bridge Briefs (Canadian river)

Other—"The lady in case" by Virginia Leila Wentz
"Dallas will pull off a fair right"

p. 4 "New gas concern" proposed plant
Channing Courier congratulates Amarillo for Col. A. G. Boyce former manager of XIT ranch, has become
Amarillo National President.

10/12/1905

Other-- Pages of cultivator techniques

10/17/1905

Other—Texas Game Laws

10/24/1905

Other—Borderline between Texas and New Mexico confirmed in 1891 was established by Clark Survey.

11/10/1905

P. 2, 11-- "Wonderful tale" Article contains data of the last 20 years of development of the Panhandle, e.g., growth
organized counties, pop., number of ranches, railroad, roads, telegraph offices (only one at Mobeetie)
At this time the Herald, had 5,000 issues in circulation—"One for every home."

W. W. Millar, Texan, appointed superintendent of the Denver⁴ Road Co. (headquarters in Childress)

"Extensive Plans" colonizing the Panhandle

P. 8 "Star route jobs" provides a list of mail routes by Panhandle County

11/17/1905

Other—"A message from Gov. Hobby" Dallas Fair at Ft. Worth

p. 4 New Fire Hall

12/22/1905

p.4 "County lands sold" 5,635 acres next to red river
Quannah citizens, 160-acre farms--"Town f Hooleyman"
"A fire shining"—earnings of Texas Railroad employees
p. 8 Lodge directory for Amarillo

Twice a Week Herald
1906

1/27/06

Front page—"Soldiers for Mexico--One thousand Negro Regulars en route to the Border" Laredo, Ft. Bliss, and El Paso.

p. 3

Earthquakes have been rocking Socorro, N. M. at a terrible rate. The entire
population has abandoned their houses and are (sic.) living in tents. This
earthquake business is growing serious, and as (sic.) to be considered in
selecting a place of abode. The climate and flowers of the Pacific will not
attract so many to that section since the seismic disturbance of San Francisco.
The Panhandle of Texas has less undulations and volcanic appearances than

⁴ "The Denver" is how Amarillans refer to the railroad.

any other section of the country that we know anything about. Those who have had or anticipated an earthquake scare cannot do better than investigate the safety of the situation in the Panhandle.

p. 3 Amarillo will have \$40,000 opera house, a gas plant, and a streetcar system.

2/20/1906

5/4/1906

p. 7 Land transfers—detailed accounting/ by owner and block.

6/8/1906

Front page—Chautauqua

p. 5 “For Railroad Commissioner” William D. Williams of Ft. Worth

p. 7 “Death of Nora Bull” infant cholera case

p. 6 Alanreed—neighborhood news

6/15/1906

Front page-- Chautauqua

6/19/1906

Front page—“Panhandle exhibit association”
“Council convenes” Mayor Miller

6/26/1906

Front-page—Channing—pop. 500

p. 3 Postmaster salaries \$2500 year

p. 6 “Pampa, the coming town” (a new school created “10 months ago”)

6/29/1906

7/3/1906

p. 10 Extension of Santa Fe Railway through Plainview—60 miles track; Tulia is located halfway between Plainview and Canyon.
New School District No. 1 Ford School house

7/6/1906

p. 3 “New townsite.” Happy, TX is 18 miles S from Canyon on the Santa Fe Railway.

7/10/1906

7/13/1906

Front page—“The Gas Plant” Storm & Hall.

7/7/1906

Front page—“Cyclone at Wheeler County”

“Corpse cause of wreck”

“Three Negro men killed by Denver Train” “wrecked Friday at Rhome.... Negro corpse in train...the body of Rufus Martin, the Negro who was hanged at Fort Worth Thursday for the murder of Jack Swackhammer ... the corpse of Martin was a hoodoo.”

New column: “Territory Brevities”

p. 6 Lubbock & Channing news columns

7/20/1906

Front page—Ward County—5,000 acres for grapes/winery

“Socialists organize”

p. 3 “The Negro question” “Should we have Negroes?”

“Wheeler county news”—“One of the Negroes who was in jail in Mobeetie escaped.”

- p. 5 "Earth's latent power" (from the Washington Star) Prof. S. P. Langby secretary of the Smithsonian speaks on earthquakes (nothing specific in this article).

7/24/1906

Front page—"Springfield lynchers" (Mo.) "Mob hanged and burned 3 Negroes." 22 indictments

7/31/1906

Front page—"Mexicans on strike" demand same pay as Americans. El Paso, Aguascalientes, Chihuahua.

p. 2 "Fight for governorship" Summaries/ counts officials

8/3/1906

8/7/1906

Front page—"Negroes are hanged" San Antonio 8/3/06. W. L. Mays, hanged for killing L. B. Woods, a Southern Pacific Railway clerk.

p. 3 Miami, county, seat of Roberts—466 population

p. 5 John W. Dale of Daily Panhandle, new newspaper (Higgins)

p. 7 "Standard oil methods" law suits against anti-competitive business approaches

Amarillo Public Schools

56 sq. miles territory

16 teachers

2 brick buildings

Enrollment 969

8/10/1906

p. 4 "Strikes houses in Amarillo" Lightning damages phone lines

Dr. Ballard of Temple intends to build hospital

p. 2 "A new paper at Melrose" Headlight

p. 3 "Ditches at work" installment of gas lines in Amarillo

p. 5 "Amarillo, the money center of the Panhandle" Fuqua—the oldest banker in the area

p. 7 Miner from Colorado caught burglarizing Amarillo National

8/14/1906

p. 7 "Lynch law exhibition--Anti-horse thief association have tow days' picnic." Wynnewood, Indian Territory (8/10)

Mock trial "as in the old days." Judge Lynch will preside.

"Earthquakes tomorrow, prophet says" in Western US.

8/17/1906

p. 4 "Negro troops unruly" Houston and Brownsville, Texas. "One man was killed by troops" "In scrimmage a person was killed"

8/21/1906

Front page—"Valparaiso is in ruins—Thousands of People Killed." Earthquake 8/16/1906

Buenos Aires reports earthquake on 8/16

"Earthquake shocks" Martinique 8/20

"Negro troops removed" from Fort Brown to Colorado, Fort Ringgold.

p. 2 "Politics in Texas" Five parties on the political horizon

p. 5 "In Commissioner's Court" \$10,000 in equity in Potter County School lands

p. 7 "New Superintendent" Canyon City." Professor William Johnson of Clarendon, Superintendent of Public Schools

p. 8 "Melrose" new town in Belen cut-off of the Santa Fe

8/24/1906

Front page—"Miss Bessie Boyce"

Graduate with honors from University of Georgetown, Chair of Latin in Methodist College, Waco; died Aug. 23, 1906 in Channing.

p. 7 "Belem cut-off" Amarillo will be linked to San Francisco, Chicago-LA line

8/28/1906

Front page—"Suit for insurance—first case with earthquake clause begins today before jury. Many businessmen may be ruined."

p. 4 "Goodnight ranch sale" John Scott sold it to Mr. Hudson of Potter County

p. 7 "Negro troops gone" Brownsville, Texas

p. 8 "Ochiltree prosperous"

8/31/1906

p.3 New column—"Armstrong specials" Claude, Texas

9/4/1906

p. 7 "Earthquakes in Russia" Sept. 1

"Earthquake victims—San Franciscan Board of Health says loss of four hundred twenty five lives in recent disaster"

9/7/1906

p. 5 "Monthly Meteorological summary" Reports halos: solar 0, Lunar 28, Hail 7; Auroras or thunderstorms as well.

p. 8 "Amarillo Public Schools" Teachers assignments at Polk Building

9/11/1906

Front page-- "Santa Fe New Route—direct to Amarillo"

p. 4 "Negro is cremated" In effort to break jail sets fire to it and is burned. Mineola, Texas. "He was cremated while the crowd surged around the jail watching his last agonies..." Silas Johnson was the person burnt.

p. 6 "Pampa News Notes"

New schoolhouse at White Deer

Pampa school new building opens Sept. 10

p.8 "Individualism vs. Socialism" an entire page essay by W. J. Bryan

9/14/1906

p.2 "Farmer's congress"

p.8 "Empire in Panhandle" Article on big land lots owned by women.

Mrs. H. M. King 230,000 acres

Cornelia Adair—1,50000,000 acres

9/18/1906

9/25/1906

p. 2 "Amarillo gets 1907 Convention"

p.6 "The race riot" in Atlanta GA—"The body of Zeeb Honge, a Negro..." found hanging in the woods.

p. 7 "Lana Payne accepts" 1st woman for Congress—socialist nominee, Ft. Worth.

9/28/1906

Front page-- City Park

p. 4 "Foundation for new Methodist church"

p. 8

10/2/1906

Front page—"Your 'Uncle Sam' Assumes control" Taft declares provisional government in Cuba

p.2 "Much damage in path of hurricane" (Sept. 28) Mississippi-Louisiana-Texas

New column—"Clubs and meetings"

p. 7 Earthquake Shock" "Porta Rica and St. Thomas

"Cotton meetings in Texas" of the Sun cotton Association in Palestine

10/5/1906

Front page—"Powerful earthquake" Felt in Prussia (Oct. 4)

p. 2 "Belem cut-off" San Francisco to Galveston Railway

p. 3 "Costivity of living in Amarillo" on the cost of growth

For sale ad—"Town-site of Happy" From Agents in Canyon

p.8 "Denver freight train goes through bridge" Sweet La Cruz bridge., 28 mi. NW of Amarillo

"Big men visit Amarillo" Officials of Rock Island—Frisco and Denver Roads are here.

El Paso "Death Sentence Affirmed" NY Life Insurance swindlers Richardson, Harle & Mason, will be shot.

10/19/1906

Front page—Picture—New Amarillo High School Building

p. 3 "Negro Lynched" Arkansas Oct. 8--Homer Walker alleged to have been implicated in murder of John Lindsey

p. 4 "Petition for a pardon" Luther Harmon from Palestine

p. 8 "A victim of foul play—face terribly hacked" More on the mystery murder of nude body of a boy found in Amarillo

"Negro rapist hanged" Mobile, Alabama

"The committee expects to meet the sheriff and prisoners thirty miles from Mobile. It is expected that the prisoner will be lynched and burned outside Mobile."

10/12/1906

p. 2 "Negroes to fight disenfranchisement" NY

p. 8 "The dead boy identified" This murder seemed to have captivated the imagination of the Amarillo people

10/16/1906

Front page—"Supreme Court may avenge hanging" Tennessee Sheriff charged with contempt for allowing lynching.

"Did not want prisoner--Feared Hamilton would be lynched in Springfield, Mo" Jed Hamilton placed in jail yesterday (10/15) in Houston.

p. 2 "Captures Negro murderer" Sam Burks wanted in Clayton, captured in Amarillo

10/23/1906

p. 4 Farmer's meeting in Waco

10/26/1906

10/30/1906

Front page—"West Texas Notes" column on business and economic development

p. 2 "News from Texas cattle range" for West Texas stock raisers; lists sale of lands and stock.

p. 3 "Potter County entitled to votes in Democratic Convention"

11/2/1906

p. 3 "West railroad news" column reports developments in Tulia, Bowie, Clarendon, Brady, Hereford, and more.

11/6/1906

Front page—"Freak news of interest to Texans" The first *news of the weird* column.

p.6 "Happenings of interest to W. Texans." Column reporting important news such as land sale deals like

"Purchase a ranch" Midland Cummins Ranch goes to L. C. Wall.

9/23/1906

"Atlanta race riot on again" "...257 blacks under arrest" "Killing of policeman...causes militia to raid Negro settlement"

11/6/1906

"Another murder mystery on hand" arrived in a trunk on the Denver from Memphis, Texas to Amarillo

11/9/1906

p. 3 "Irrigation dam in Clear Creek" Albany, Texas

p. 4 "Happenings" column

"To have electric lights" Bronte, Texas, the seat of Coke county

"Newspaper changes hands" Brownwood, Texas

Pecan Valley news--Will P. Wise Managing editor

Developments on Panama Canal coverage

11/13/1906

- p. 3 "Bloody fight in Texas" Rangers attacked by Armed Mexicans—several killed. Brownsville, Texas
Advertisement: Great Big Harvest Festival Sale "The Famous" Amarillo, Texas (has neat pictures).
- p. 5 Financial statement from comptroller, Potter County

11/16/1906 (No. 92)

- p. 8 "Noted Blind Man in Town"
"Murderers brought back" The ones who axed the boy, Frank Ellsworth and Roger Burke

*The twice a week herald becomes the
Weekly Herald*

11/22/1906 (No. 93)

- p. 3 "A Federal Building" to have a fed building for Panhandle in Amarillo
- p. 3 "Happenings" A new bank Sweetwater Texas "Travel Co."
"Lightfoot makes an investigation" Methods of Standard Oil under scrutiny—in Texas: Water Pierce Oil Co.
versus Security Oil Co. at Beaumont
- p. 5 "Earthquake in Australia"
"Amarillo gets M. E. conference" (Methodist)

11/29/1906

- Front page—72 counts against Waters-Pierce Co."
"Jack Edens found guilty of attempted
- p. 4 Entire page on description of Amarillo and the Panhandle to attract people from other cities

12/5/1906

- p. 4 "William 'Pate' Dead" Died at age 87—Confederate Veteran and Pioneer of Texas. Born in Georgia, 1891. Moved to Texas in 1890 after Confederate War.
- p. 7 Dalhart case—Cases between Prescott and Norman.
"Sheep man murdered" Another mystery causes big sensation in Del Rio.
"This is the second murder within two days and the whole city is greatly excited. Several mobs are working independently of rangers and bloodhounds and a lynching will occur of (sic.) the assassin is captured."
- p. 5 "Oust Negroes—Slayden Texas Representative introduces bill to remove and bar them from Army."

12/13/1906

- p. 4 "New bank at Groom" Report on a rapidly developing farming country in the Rock Island. Knopf and Blasdel
- p. 5 "Startling Figures—Immigration into the Panhandle proves conclusively marvelous."
"Texas Mexicans protest" Dallas—protest against deportation.
"Negroes protest" Muskogee I. T. —want equal suffrage
- p. 7 "Postmaster a suicide" (Owen Ford) San Marcos, Texas
- p. 8 "Newspaper man in Panhandle" J. C. Lowes the new proprietor of the Panhandle Herald at Panhandle
"Goodnight will lay corner stone" Goodnight industrial institute, Goodnight, Texas

12/20/1906

- p. 4 "Up to city Council—Petition for the Greater Amarillo has big majority behind it." proposed enlargement of corporate bounds
- p. 6 "Earthquake in Asia" Seismograph of Austria, Hungary Observatory recorded an earthquake and estimated its center in Asia Minor.
- p. 8 "Buys bank of interest" R. L. Stringfellow becomes active owner of Amarillo National Bank.
"Ordinance 140" extends corporate limits of Amarillo City

12/27/1906

- Front page—"Negro shoots girl" Marlin, Texas (Shooting during a Carnival fest—2000 people assembled)
"Will protect Negroes" Governor says. Hoodlums started the race riot in New Orleans.
- p. 5 "Appoint Attorney" Silverton, Texas

Commissioner Court Briscoe County (Dec. 26) appointed Hon. C. D. Wright as county attorney ; J. S. Mason resigned as Justice of the Peace, W. J. Morgan appointed.

"Bullet stopped escaping Mexican" (Amarillo jail)

p. 7 "Census finished"

p. 8 "Kill Negroes. Mississippi threatens with race war—fifteen already dead."

"To the Pen--Prison Agent takes prisoners chained together to Huntsville" Jack Edena, W. T. Groves—attempt to rob Amarillo National Bank.

The weekly Herald
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1/3/1907 (The weekly Herald)

Front page—"Thousands Cheer" Plainview now on railroad connection.

p. 4 "An erroneous impression" correction to the editor of the Childress Index, Mr. Haskett

1/3/1907

p. 6

"Shock at El Paso"

"New York, Dec. 23, 1906—An El Paso, Texas special says violent earthquake was felt there Thursday and two slight ones followed in the evening. No damage was done."

p. 7 "New Bank opens soon" Amarillo Western Bank and Trust Co.— President Bank, B. T. Ware, Vice President W. M. Lay

1/10/1907

p. 3 "New resolution on Brownsville case" Investigation if president had authority to discharge Negro troops

p. 4 "Ordinance 144" regulates automobiles in Amarillo. It is a misdemeanor to drive past 6 miles an hour.

p. 6 "Another breakdown—the water company repairs damage and is planning new well of 3,000 ft. n depth."

p. 7 "Veale replies—will carry out wishes of constituents in the Bailey controversy."

p. 8. "Medicoes meet—Panhandle medical association holds sessions today and tomorrow." "Repeal freak laws."
"Association will draft resolution against laws which make the medical college criminal."

1/17/1907

Front page—"Earthquake was serious" Kingston Jamaica earthquakes of yesterday (Jan. 14).

"Texas and Taxation"

"Treaty is signed" Sec. Root and Denor Davalos signed treaty on water regulation for Rio Grande and El Paso giving rights to Mexicans to use water from dam for irrigation purposes

"Land agent sold wrong land"

p. 3 "Floydada, Texas"

"Earthquake at Opia" Dec. 21--Felt in San Francisco, Scientists stationed at South Pacific Islands report shocks epicenter 900 miles South of Apia (Australia? Unclear from article)

p. 5 "destroyed by earthquake" New York, Jan 15—Kingston has been destroyed with much loss of life.

p. 7 "Is same as lynching—Senator Tillman in criticism of president's [position toward discharged Negro soldiers."

1/24/1907

Front page—"Jos. W. Bailey re-elected senator" Austin, Jan. 23--Endorses Roosevelt's position in Brownsville trouble.

p. 2 "New Bank for Glazier"

p. 7 "A Negro riot at Ft. Reno" 50 Negroes arrested (Dawton, Oklahoma—Jan. 22)

"Petition for boundary—citizens likely to be placed in Mexico make vigorous kick." El Paso, Jan 19

"Increase capital stock" El Paso and South West Railway Co. from 7 million to 10 million to extend into Mexico.

"Kingston horror being heard from" tidal wave, Jan. 19

p.8 "War times at Austin" Austin, Jan 21 "Interesting debate in progress on Bailey investigation in the House"

1/31/1907

p.2 "Notice" on effort to remove railroad from Washburn to Amarillo

p. 7 "To meet in Clarendon" Banker's successful meeting

- p. 7 "A curious phenomena—Oil fields in Texas cease to yield since the Jamaica earthquake." Associated Press, Chicago Jan. 24. Reports from Galveston show reduction in oilfield production by 45%.
- p. 8 "Commissioner is in session here—Com. Prouty taking evidence of railway extortions for Interstate Commerce Commission in Amarillo Today."

2/7/1907

Front page—"Confer no oil laws"

- p. 3 "A big electric sign" new Amarillo feature for "The Famous"

"To the Major Penrose—Brownsville officer before court martial" San Antonio, February 2, on charges of negligence

"Ochiltree enterprise" Has a mill. Expects new railroads.

- p. 5 "Veale bill passes" Swisher County under the stock law.

- p.6 "enjoy their visit to the Panhandle—committee from legislature received with notable hospitality" in Amarillo

- p.8 "Amarillo men to build car lines" Amarillo Street Railway Co.

"Earthquake results in Solomon Islands."

(Feb 1?) Can't read.

Feb 1. More shocks felt in Kingston

Feb 1. Australia—shocks felt in Tasmania

2/14/1907

- p. 8 Delinquent tax list for the people of the city of Amarillo, Potter County, Texas, for the years of 1904-1905 provided by name, lot #, original grantee, subtotals

- p.6 "Tulia granted privileges" Veale bill pass senate and gives Tulia a School District.
"Satisfactory conditions" Superintendent report on school growth in Amarillo

2/21/1907

- p.5 Manager Sanger urges opera house for Amarillo

- p.6 "Bailey n the stand"

- p.7 Associated Press (Feb. 16) "Amarillo Postmaster—W.H. Ingerton appointed new postmaster of Amarillo today"

H. Harris Gatesville

J. K. Tripert Hillsboro

G. W. Burkett Jr. Palestine

E. Blanchard San Angelo

J. J. Keller Eastland

A. Smith El Paso

"Will build sanitarium" Witt & Sandler, Carson building, Amarillo

2/28/1907

- p. 2 "Another shock at Kingston"

- p.5 "National Park Bill"

Bowman's bill—National Park Armstrong & Randall Counties in Palo Duro Canyon, reported favorable.

- p.7 "Senator Bailey exonerated"

"Early days in Amarillo—W. H. Kenyon, now of Rockdale, tells of early experience in Amarillo"

"Texas Beats Railroads—Supreme Court of US decides for Texas against the Railroad" Gulf, Colorado, Santa Fe railroad vs. the RR company of Texas. Case involves freight rates.

- p.8 "Making surveys" for city street railway

3/7/1907

Front page—"Annual exhibit of Potter County's finances"

"Library gets old city building" fee \$1.50 year

"Death of Mrs. Caldwell" wife of A. J. Caldwell, 22 year old

- p.8 "Land patents to the Indians" 30,000 patents to Choctaw & Chickasaw. (Muskogee, I. T.)

3/14/1907

Front page—"Negro Slave for Mayor" Kansas City (Joshua Wallace Voochies)

- p.5 "The railroad bill" removal of Santa Fe Railway track at Washburn, instead to Amarillo

"Real estate transfers" by block, lot, and owner

3/21/1907

p.2 "Farwell-Texico Prosperous"

"Panhandle-Fed beef" experiment of Western Stockyard Co.

p. 3 "Dalhart's new bank"

"To accept new bridge—County Commissioner's with builders and engineers make final inspection of Canadian River Bridge today."

"Confession was fake--that is what the Galveston story is branded by Major Blacksom" Investigation of the Brownsville Negro affair

p. 7 "Paid off the Dagoes—hundred and fifty Italian laborers given their checks and sent back to Chicago."

"For a new Union Station" Rock Island Passenger station being created.

3/28/1907

Front page-- "Terrific oil fire—Blazing Gas well at Sapulpa assuming disastrous proportions" (I.T.)

p.2 "FT. Worth in turmoil—Murder of McLean and Scott by gambler moves entire state"

Boyd residence destroyed by fire"

p.3 "Amarillo newspapers" The Childress Index reports that Wichita Falls people raised \$15,000 to start a newspaper.

"Farwell-Texico still growing" more details on developments

"New lumber co. started" Alfalfa Lumber Co.

p.6 "Negro troops to Philippines" Houston, Texas (3/27/1907)

"Are holding the franchise" Port Arthur and Ho. Line is being slowly completed

4/4/1907

Front page—"Fierce fire on Polk St.—explosion of celluloid film causes complete destruction of the dreamland rink"

"More wells at Batson—Sprouters are increasing rapidly in new oilfield" Sun Oil Co.

"The Adamless Eden" Chicago women to begin experiment at Rockport, Texas

"Earthquakes in the Azores" Island of St. Michaels—worst at Villa France

"Items for Silverton" Special to Panhandle

"First Spike is driven" Workmen begin construction of first street railway in the Panhandle"

p. 4 "Lime from local quarry" Guy Culp, manager of gravel pit, northwest of town, near old McBride place, on the Canadian river about 30 miles northeast of Amarillo

p. 5 "Booming Bowman" Dick Bowman, Rep. Panhandle. Bowman's bill authorized national park in Randall & Armstrong counties.

"Approves our democracy" J. L. Caldwell letter on politics to the editor

p. 7 Work has commenced" city water plant being enlarged

"Waives examination" Case against officer Hayden for the shooting of W. H. Scott

4/11/1907

Front page-- "Praises river land—E. A. Paffrath tells of great possibilities of the LX lands purchased some time ago for development" LX ranch sold several weeks ago to H.S. Allen and Co. of Houston and Electra

"Brickwork has commenced—laying of a \$1,000,000 brick in Morrow-Thomas building began today"

p. 2 "Grades being established—stone monuments to be set on every third street."

p. 5 "Board meets here"—will appropriate 3800" Presbyterian Church

p. 6 Article on W. H. Ingerton and J. M. Kindred officers of notable worth

p. 7 "Floyd County expects road" Colonel Massie, railroad prospector

4/18/1907

p. 2 "To drill for coal and oil—Grape-nuts man is improving Garza County"

p. 5 "Plainview news"

p. 6 "Amarillo man appointed" Charles S. Meyer placed on Grand Council of the Knights of Pythias Committee. Will meet in Dallas.

4/25/1907

Front page—"After Ft. Worth County Offices" Did not turn in \$200,000 worth of fees

p.2 "Closes the opera house"

p. 3 "To open LX country—Canadian breaks County is to be developed"

p. 7 Picture of Thomas S. Bugbee—president or Panhandle Stockmen's association

5/2/1907

- p.2 "Work on the 'lyric' commenced" New amusement park getting ready for business
"Gas Co. extensions" Amarillo
- p. 3 "Severe hailstorm at Gainesville"
"Fire destroys store at Canyon"
- p. 4 "Expense of daily newspaper" Wichita Falls is to have a \$20,000 newspaper plant for a daily
"Old timers in the Panhandle" Thomas S. Bugbee of Clarendon and J. H. Rockwell of this city
- p. 5 "Officer killed at Texico"
- p. 5 "New steam laundry in Plainview"
- p. 6 "S. Owens is dead—son kills the slayers." McLean, Texas—one of the prime movers in the organization of the
Panhandle Cattle Raisers Association.
- p. 7 "Thirty one new fire plugs and forty-five new lights for a greater city."
"Claude news" (April 25) 2 cases of smallpox are reported

5/9/1907

- p. 2 Amendments to State Constitution posted
- p. 4 "Small Pox situation" It has been known...where the Mexican railroad laborers are, there is small pox
- p. 5 "Urges vaccination to stop infection " smallpox

5/16/1907

- p. 6 "Permanent industries"—A. W. Woods writes interestingly of Amarillo's needs for future"
"Attempt assassination—mysterious night attack on San Augustine doctor" San Aug., Texas—May 13, Dr. A. R. Schaden
- p. 7 "Immigrant business quadrupled this year"

5/23/1907

- p. 3 "Explanation of dry farming"
"The Campbell farm" experimental station—it is covered as it developed in subsequent issues
- p. 6 "Local veterans are honored" W. M. Warren receives Napier Award. Now City Street Commissioner. Untied
Confederate Veterans.
"From Jericho" community column (according to newspaper near Rock Island)
"Items from Conway"

5/30/1907

- p. 3 "Killed by lightning" Harry Sneed and horse instantly killed" Moore county
"Was not smallpox"
"Company to take charge" Santa Fe Railway prepared to take land for shops"
- p. 4 "Two wives want bird—Pecos Valley switchman is in jail awaiting Sheriff from Missouri" Bigamy arrest
"Tornado near Ft. Worth" May 25, 3 persons killed

6/6/1907

- p. 5 "Hail, rain and wind—violent storm strikes Amarillo and causes much damage."
- p. 6 "Question of fact—H. W. Campbell says big Panhandle wheat yield depends on right farming." Interesting
agricultural essay
- p. 7 "New Owner for L. S. Ranch" C. T. Herring of Vernon
- p. 8 "Goodnight closes successful year" (Goodnight college gets recurrent coverage)

6/13/1907

Front Page—"Baracca chooses officer" Religious affiliation, bible study group (I think)

6/20/1907

- Front Page—"Woman is robbed" Came to San Antonio to buy real estate--\$51,000.00.
- p. 7 "Testing ownership of land" Tract for a promised campus never really gelled. H. B. Sanborn goes to Court
- p. 8 "New buildings at McLean" Gray city prospering; Concrete building, Charles McLain, druggist

6/27/1907

Front Page—"Childress will hang" Ft. Worth man convicted of criminal assault to step daughter

p. 2 "Dalhart is a live one" \$25,000 school building

"A big land deal" at Denton \$100,000: Amarillo men will own 493 acres.

p.3 "Paid 10 cents and acre—Cal Murson tells of early purchase of Amarillo Frontier Times" First survey in the Panhandle was in 1873—the only previous one was done by the Spaniards. He talks about his brushes with Indians and other adventures.

p. 8 "Campus case undecided" Non-suit leaves valuable city property without formal settlement

7/4/1907

Front Page—"Bailey at Clarendon today" (Picture of Senator Bailey)

p.4 covers several editorials describing visits to other cities and their developments

p. 5 "Negro responsible for three deaths" Houston, Jul 2—Set fire for burglary (Charlie Jones)

"Cuero Negro gets death" Jul 3—Cuero, TX Jury convicts John Brown for criminal assault. Plaintiff, Hattie Kennedy, colored schoolteacher

p. 6 "Storm did damage--Wind reached 52 miles an hour and did minor damage to buildings"

"Arizona Indians are ominous" Assoc. Press—El Paso, July 2—Troops at Ft. Apache proceed to Ft. McDowell to prevent unrest due to the killing of Navajo Apache last Saturday

"Cyclone at Merkel"

p.7 "For the next directory" Manager discusses Amarillo growth.

"Go to Mexico" Railway construction is expanding into Mexico. Office of County Survey Howard Trigg will do initial surveying.

7/18/1907

"Items from Tulia" Brick school house for Tulia ISD--\$16,800.00

"The new Deandi near completion" this is a playhouse at Taylor street. Owners Messrs. Denitz & Isaacs

"The drouth (sic.) has begun" Prohibition starts in Amarillo, Baskin-McGregor bill passed

p. 4 "The anniversary picnic" 17 year anniversary of organization of Swisher County in Tulia

p. 5 "The goodnight ranch and the buffalo" Essay on development of the "cattalo" and goodnight ranch breeding efforts

p. 7 "Dust, wind, and rainstorm" Dust storm in Amarillo

7/25/01

p. 7 "Loss heavy at Chillicothe" Jul 16 fire \$150,000 loss

P. 8 "50 gas street lamps ordered"

8/8/1907

Front Page—"City editor drowned" Ft. Worth Aug. 7, Evening Telegram—Raymond Reimers

p. 4 "Advertising the Panhandle" On diverse editors, newspapers and their booster feats

Higgins on the Santa Fe Railway—second paper

Editor Shafer of the Hale County Herald sold paper to Storall of the Lubbock Avalanche. Another paper is the Panhandle Shortline, Hans Helland editor.

p. 5 "To the stock holders of the Pecos Northern Texas Railway"

p. 6 "National Forestry—How other nations are caring for their trees and providing future timber supply."

p. 7 "New Fire station"

8/15/1907

Front page—"Rock Island is ready to build" Railway extension

p. 3 "Indulged in Negro Baiting" describes beating of two men by white youth, describes them as "self-appointed guardians."

p. 4 "Disgraceful doings" condemns youth beating of Negroes because "Amarillo is in need of good servants"

p. 7 "new Chamber of commerce organized"

8/22/1907

p. 2 "the second transcontinental" Rock Island Railway

p. 4 "A most serious problem" Water supply in Amarillo

p. 4 "Big show coming" Sells-Floto Show and Zoo: See the bears, there used to be bears here.

"Is filing complaint" on managing growth and dumping grounds of the city of Amarillo

p. 8 "Judged by tax rolls" County valuation-1907-1906; Potter and Hartley at the top

8/29/1907

p. 2 "Lining up for street paving"

p. 7 "Resources are good—Wisconsin creamery proposition for Canadian breaks land promises good" Houston intermediary and venture financier, R. S. Allen.

"Light plant for Goodnight"

p. 8 Texico newspaper—the trumpet

9/12/1907

Front Page—"Earthquake was in the Aleutians" NY Sept 11—It is believed to the "lost earthquake" earlier in the month. Felt in Washington, England and Ottawa.

p. 4 "Status of the Panhandle" dryer than in the last 13 years

"Send them to Texas" Mr. Schiff's—New York Banker--recent address on the question of immigrant kinsmen before a Jewish assembly says: "don't send them North, send them to Texas."

9/16/1907

p. 2 "No aged steers on the range" Ft. Worth

p. 6 "Amarillo men raise \$17,000" campaign for Santa Fe improvements' bonds

p. 7 "Nigger slugger gets the limit--Will Byrd pays \$49.00" This man led a gang who beat up several black workers. He got the highest fine the jury could give.

9/19/1907

p. 2 Expansion in schools "School board has a hard time meeting needs of 1100 students."

10/3/1907

p. 7 "State buy more land—extends yards South" to build more shops South of tenth street

"Crystal Ice Co." has purchased site on Santa Fe track

"Phone connection with Dalhart" new line

p. 8 "For District Attorney" W. M. Jeter

10/10/1907

p. 2 "Buck Plant to be built"

p. 4 "Amarillo Immigration Bureau" proposed

p. 6 "Looking to Browning" Mr. Gee City Attorney of Amarillo thinks Browning will be good for Congress

p. 7 "Tax totals are double"

p. 8 "Immigration bureau formed"

10/17/1907

p. 8 "5,000,000 in Texas—Avery Turner tells Ft. Worth reporter of colossal Santa Fe improvements."

"To get the college" Committees of citizens are securing big gifts to the Presbyterian Church.

Advertisement: "The Texas Realty and Immigration Company" F. W. Zimmerman and J. B. Allensworth

10/24/1907

Front Page—"Cornerstone laying at Claude" Claude Independent School Building

"A Mexican check raiser" Officers here arrest laborer wanted in Higgins"

"Lynched in Miss. For insulting girl"

"Oklahoma, Miss. Oct. 23—Charged with having insulted a young white woman and threatened her live—Henry Sykes, a Negro, was taken from the custody of officer near Vanvlet five miles from here. The Negro, it is alleged, made improper proposals to the young woman over he telephone and threatened to kill her if she did not accede to his demands."

p. 2 "This is said to help many" Interesting botanical home remedy

p. 7 "An automatic stenographer" Frank A. White, the manager of Amarillo water company uses phonopgraph to dictate and record letters

10/31/1907

Front Page—"Severe storm raged in Texas—Galveston was the hardest hit—wires, blown, houses demolished, and othere damage done, no fatalities"

"Chinese coming in through Mexico" A. P. City of Mexico, Oct. 30—"4,673 Chinese arrived at Salina Cruz—many once lived in the US "...and are under the impression that they can return."

"Fifteen thousand people buried" A. P. Tashkend, Russia, Oct. 30—the whole town of Karatagh in Bokohara destroyed and buried under mountain slide after earthquake

"More rangers to San Augustine" AP Austin, Oct. 20—Adjutant General Newton from Capt. J. H. Rogers qho along with two privates was dispatched to San Augustine. Situation unknown

p. 2 "New Road for Amarillo" from Oklahoma

"Death of prominent citizen" AP, Houston, TX, Oct. 28—Lucius Noyes, Age 62, grand commander of the Knights of the Templar of Texas

"Race Question, His Subject" Senator Benjamin Tillman's essay

p. 3 "McLean News" new column

"The Grand" A's new playhouse

"General State News"⁵ first time this column appears, and it may be found several times in one issue.

"Red Blossom has sold the Wheeler County Texan to Paul Lass"

"The Democrat at Texico has been removed to Hereford—P. H. Glenn to the editor..."

"Vote on the amendments" Constitutional Changes, all six defeated

p.4 "Austin has signed with New York" company to build dam in the Colorado

GSNC—

"A Mexican woman died of hydrophobia" Fort worth

"Amarillo citizen hurt." H. B. Sanborn, President of the commercial Club, injured at Ft. Worth. Popularly known as the "Father of Amarillo"

p. 5 "Rules adopted for taxpayers" Austin, TX, Oct. 30

GSNC--

"Cisco has voted 16,000 40 year bonds to improve water-work systems.

11/7/1907

Front Page—"A reserve for the Panhandle" mayor Harey of Canyon City advocates.

"The Methodists have Amarillo" (a conference)

p. 5 "Worth of Oil Leases—In Indian Territory and the great expense in securing them"

"Legal battle begins today" Ft. Worth Waters-Pierce case

p. 7 "Lynched assaulter—Negro taken from jail at Cameron by 500 people"

"Cameron, Texas, Nov. 8—Alex Johnson, the Negro who assaulted Ms.

Hailey near Mansfield last Wednesday, was hung there by a mob of infuriated citizens from different portions of the county. A large crows was in town when the grand jury which was called for the purpose of investigating the case against the Negro returned an indictment charging him with assault with intent to commit a criminal assault and the crowd learned that under the charge, no death penalty could be secured, a large body of unmasked men, with sledge hammers started for the jail."

The article narrates how the sheriff pleaded with the crowd. How the crowd threatened to destroy the building with dynamite. At 4 Pm the doors were shattered and the man taken and hung.

p.8 "Amarillo City Property" by owner and lot

11/14/1907

Front Page—"The National Reserve Park Convention—Delegates from five counties attend meeting at Canyon"

Recommended officers for committee to organize reserves:

Judge Haney, chairman

Vernon Beggs, secretary

M. F. Slover, Sergeant-at-arms

⁵ Abbreviated GSNC (general state news column) Its appearance is not consistent.

p. 8 "Clovis" column notices

11/21/1907

p. 2 "An Adobe Building" The last Adobe building being demolished

p. 8 "To crush boulders for concrete" Cement company in Amarillo (Gross Brothers)

11/28/1907

Front Page—"Perpetual museum of natural history" Palo Duro National Park

p. 8 "Voodoo" Ft. Worth, Nov. 27—"...charged by a half a dozen Negro men and women with getting money from them by pretending to have a gift of locating a buried treasure, a Negro man who gave his name as John Willowgreen, was before the county attorney and a charge of vagrancy was made against him under the clause of prohibiting fortune telling."

12/5/1907

Front Page—"Machinery for brick plant here" Amarillo (can't read) Brick Tile and Company

p. 8 New postings for communities: Tahoka, Matador, Wichita Falls, Big Springs

1908

1/2/1908

Front Page—"Triplets born in El Paso"

p. 5 "Street cars are running"

"Judge Ransey gets high honor" Judging the court of criminal appeals in Amarillo

"1907 was a big year" events and building improvements for Amarillo

p. 6 "Cattle famine in Texas near" 300,000 head driven from the Panhandle this year

1/16/1908

p. 5 "Speaking for the Palo Duro Park" Major Haney and others outline plans before the farmer's congress for securing Great National playground in Panhandle

p. 6 "Text of the Park Bill"

p. 8 "What Paffrath thinks" essay on local political views

1/23/1908

p. 5 "Onto Texas cry settlers" Quanah, Texas, Jan. 18—"The Denver railroad brought forty two cars of immigrants to Quanah during December... they are being distributed among the counties of Hardeman, Wilberger, Wichita, Archer, Knox, Cottle, Childress, King, Hall, Floyd, Hale, Haskell, Baylor and in fact the entire country West of Ft. Worth and North of the Concho River."

1/30/1908

p. 5 "Schools pay tribute to Miss Janks" Spanish teacher died from typhoid fever, born in Galveston of German parents, Age 20

2/6/1908

p. 3 "11,660 in Amarillo—new directory records 35 percent in population (increase) in the year of 1907"

"Will have to pay fine—400 corporations that have neglected to pay taxes may be fined"

"The question of procuring sugar beet seed..."

p. 5 "To preserve Southern Forests" Wash D.C. Jan 31—committee on agriculture to preserve the forests of Dixie

p. 6 "Advertisement about Amarillo—inventory of amenities

Railroad map (Rock Island on the Dalhart-Kansas City line)

p. 7 "The Santa Fe's new \$1,800,00 bridge over the Colorado River at Parker is progressing rapidly"

"The state penitentiary board has bought two large sugar plantations in SE Texas and will work a large number of convicts on these in the future."

2/13/1908

p. 2 "Texas News Briefs" column appears

"2,334 cars of immigrants" Pecos Valley 100% increase

p. 3 Channing to get flour mill"

p. 4 "Metropolitan business of Amarillo institution

- p. 7 "Bullet in head kills Hutchins—second Vice President of Fort Worth National Bank takes own life—bank affairs in good order."
"Fires bullet through heart" Ft. Worth—Eric C. Gambrell, son of president of Baptist board, kills himself (lawyer)
"LX lands traded for skyscrapers"
- p. 8 "Congress locates court at Amarillo--Washington D. C. Feb 7—The Amarillo Court bill has passed both houses of Congress."

2/20/1908

- p. 7 "Fair and Chautauqua"
"Southern cotton convention" Dallas, Feb 19
"\$1,500,000 for 1907 broom corn" From Alabama to Canadian

2/27/1908

3/3/1908

Front Page—"Claude to have cotton gin"

- p. 2 "Harrington will run bank" Channing, Texas. Hon. De. W. Harrington, ex-mayor of Dalhart was appointed receiver for the bank of Channing.
"Will build Pearl City"
- p. 5 "Glenwood Amusement Company begins work for summer-park."
- p. 7 "Election precincts" denomination and geographic description

3/12/1908

- p. 2 "Biggest gathering of cattlemen" Cattle raisers convention; many pages covering the details of the Panhandle fair to be held at Meat Packing house
- p. 4 "The Industrial Depression" this is an essay denying the depression

3/10/1908

- p. 2 "Greek letter men meet" Panhandle Panhellenic Association
- p. 5 "C. H. Hitchcock buried here" pioneer of the Panhandle; had a ranch West of Amarillo for 15 years.
- p. 7 "Seeks his lost father—E. R. Toupffer, Goldfield miner tells marvelous story of the old Panhandle"
- p. 8 "1358 in city schools" Superintendent Foster reports
"Rock Island extension West"
"...It is this unswerving, indomitable faith in the future that has converted prairie dog towns into bustling centers of commerce. Transformed the great southwest range into food-producing farms for which the Creator intended it, and made the poor man of yesterday, the man of wealth and influence today."

3/26/1908

- p. 2 New column for Washburn, Texas
Various announcements for candidacy for mayor
- p. 4 "A Mexican courtesy" leasing Magdalena bay for coaling practices
- p. 5 "Silverton had \$50,000—citizens subscribe bonus asked for promoters of new railroad."
- p. 6 "Businessmen for Texas industries." Interesting essay on position of progressive men and enterprises
"Report gushes at Mobeetie—prospect hole said to have encountered gas pocket"

Many articles on beets and their profitability throughout these issues

- p. 7 "Home-seekers in Dalhart" accounts of women's clubs' contributions to progress and growth

4/2/1908

- p. 8 "From Gulf to Denver—Denver-Rock Island train through Amarillo to rival Eastern Limited's"

4/9/1908

- p. 3 "Lambs at Goodnight" breeding Persian Sheep
- p. 4 "A war in oil" on the price of gasoline and Kerosene around Texas
- p. 5 "politics for Christians—Rev. M. A. Smith preaches Socialist Doctrine to Amarillo audience"

4/16/1908

Front Page—"Negro Will Ellis dies of wound"

"Yesterday afternoon, the Negro will Will Ellis who was wounded Saturday by an unknown shooter at the house on the corner of Tyler and third Streets died..."

"Old mother earthquakes in Utah" AP Salt Lake, April 15—5 distinct shocks

p. 5 Ad for stockmen convention—Cole Younger and Nichols Amusement Co. attractions

4/23/1908

p. 3 "Federal court is established here" Amarillo Post office court and other federal businesses

p. 4

"The Negroes of Oklahoma while resenting the provisions of the Jim Crow law by violence, threat and other forms of lawlessness, are injuring themselves almost without reparation, and amply demonstrating the necessity for segregation from the white populace."

p. 5 "New notes on Texline"

Anti-Bailey essays

p. 6 "New notes on Texline" (a second column)

4/30/1908

Front Page—"Cotton for Panhandle—seed to be furnished farmers to establish an additional money crop."

p. 6 "Judge William Poindexter defends Bailey—Attorney for the state in the legislative investigation reviews all the evidence and renders judgment on the senator." (2 pages)

5/7/1908

Front Page—"Clarendon College corner stone laid"

p. 2 "stock gives way to crop" Paffrath's talk transcribed about economic change in Panhandle

5/14/1908

p. 8 "Divorces are granted"

5/21/1908

p. 6 "Seismographs record earthquake" Washington, D. C. May 15—"the origin is approximately 3,200 miles from Washington." No definite statement as to the location.

5/28/1908

Front Page—"Trinity River now subsiding" Light and water plants inoperative. Flood damage Dallas, \$1,000,000 story covered p. 2-3.

p. 6 "Campbell farms pay—Dollars and cents argue for strict observancy soil culture methods"

6/4/1908

p. 5 "J. M. Prise on trial—Wheeler county deputy answers for shooting in Polk St. saloon last winter" killed Mexican interpreter (found guilty of manslaughter 6/11/1908 p.2)

6/6/1908

6/11/1908

6/18/1908

p. 4 "What is being done to save A & M College?" turmoil, 7 cadets arrested

6/25/1908

Gov. Campbell Amarillo

p. 8 "H. S. Boice wounded—Prominent cattleman stabbed by stranger at river stockyards, N. M. yesterday" Boice was from Channing.

7/2/1908

Front Page—"Amarillo youth now a dramatist" W. D. Benjamin submitted 3-act drama—Frohman firm accepted to run it in N. Y.

Papers start covering Mexico's politics and unrest more frequently—pre-revolutionary situation.

p. 7 "wrecked buildings—wind reached velocity of 76 miles yesterday and caused damage"

p. 8 "Gov. Campbell defends policies—Big audience hears review of legislation and appeal for state enterprises" speech summarized

7/9/1908

p. 4 "Plainview notes"

p. 5 "Earthquake stops clock—towns on Pacific slope feel slight effect of an earthquake." AP, Los Angeles, CA—Jul. 3, 5:20 AM

Popularity contest finalists—big deal, sponsored by the Daily Panhandle and covered extensively

p. 7 "Bowman candidate—'Panhandle Dick' is in race for reelection in the legislature"

7/16/1908

Front Page—"Scouring the woods for inhuman Negro—One thousand men on trail of Negro who assaulted a thirteen year old girl who will meet out summary justice"

"Beaumont, TX, Jul. 15—last night over 1,000 men were scouring the woods in this vicinity in an effort to capture on unidentified Negro who early yesterday attacked and beat into insensibility a 13-year old white girl, Ada Bell Hopkins, inflicting injuries which may prove fatal. It is the intention of the mob to inflict quick punishment. Late yesterday an aged Negro was mistaken for the one sought and was shot to death. Last night the mob burned 2 Negro amusement resorts and it threatens to destroy every building occupied by Negroes."

7/23/1908

p. 4 "Is a public enterprise—shares of packing house stock necessary for good standing in city"

7/30/1908

p. 5 "Actress gets divorced" Galveston, Aug. 1—Charlotte Walker

8/06/1908

8/20/1908

p. 3 "Tulia town progressing" \$60,000 for new courthouse

8/27/1908

p. 4 "Exchange, comment section" interesting race relation essay—this is taken from the Houston Chronicle; on a riot in Springfield (Ill.?) it says something to the effect "those Negro loving northerners are getting a taste of southern medicine, as they had to repress these insurrections..."

"...The Negroes who go to Springfield from South have heard of the laws which make discrimination between races in public places an offense, and they go there dreaming dreams and cherishing hopes of racial equality, which they took upon as the logical outgrowth and sequence of such sentiment as bring forth such laws..."

p. 7 "Mr. Sanborn for Congress" Republican

9/3/1908

Front Page—"Water trouble at Gainesville" shut off supply because of injunction

p. 5 "Dalhart disaster—property destroyed" The dam of Lake Blair was swept out

9/10/1908

Front Page—"Hydrophobia rages in Gainesville"

"Would bar Texas from water supply" competition of Elephant Butte dam in state of Colorado; government denies water because Texas has no public land.

- p. 2 "Negro passenger causes trouble" Charles Cole, a Navasota Negro was allowed to occupy a Pullman in San Francisco. Protest to the Railroad commission.
- p. 2 "Gas blowout at Alanreed—casing of well blew from depth of ninety five feet—gas and oil" Gray County 60 miles from Amarillo
- p. 3 "Negroes beat white man—wealthy planter beaten into insensibility and robbed" Cuero, Texas
- p. 3 "Prominent citizen dies at Luling" Asa Modny (?) founder of Luling
- p. 7 "No cotton prices named" Ft. Worth—Farmer's Union fails to fix price
- p. 7 "High toned dusky damsel" Hereford, Texas; Minnie Jackson was jailed because she refused to travel in the Negro compartment of Santa Fe train.

9/17/1908

- p. 2 "Thirteen Negroes arrested—charged with assaulting and robbing Center youth in Dallas."
- "Rangers raided three places" search and destroy mission for intoxicants
- Packing plant in Amarillo—frequent and multiple articles
- p. 4 "That Negro vote" Editorial on Democrats positioning for Negro constituency as hypocritical
- p. 5 "Many premiums for Panhandle fair" divisions and contests for diverse goods produced in the area

9/24/1908

Front Page—"Dallas wars on white slave evil" grand jury hears evidence from 2 girls who were enslaved

- p. 2 "Galveston streets are deep in water"
- "Largest gas well in town comes in" Wichita Falls, Texas—Petrolia in Clay County
- p. 3 "Mayor wars on police—chief wins first round in controversy before Texarkana council." On accusations that police takes cash bonds for prisoners.
- p. 5 "NY stock exchange continues to quake"

10/8/1908

- p. 3 "War on Sweetwater—Negro enters woman's room at Hotel and makes fearful attack—captured early today—hurried to Abilene, but mob assembles and threatens to follow." Abilene Oct. 3, Joe (Oxshear)
- "Negro invents boll weevil killer" Houston Oct. 2—Charles Lee perfected machine—a box with chemicals & deadly fumes

"Texas mob ends Negro—strung up today in Court House Square at Glenfora—whipping at Taylor—two white men and two Negroes flogged by citizens."

"Taylor, Texas, Oct. 6—two white men and two Negroes were flogged severely and driven out of this city today by a party of citizens. The victims claimed to be labor agents of Brady and were offering \$1.25 per 100 pounds to cotton pickers. Local Negroes then were threatened to strike unless they received wages here the agents offered, 65 cents more than present prices. They were refused and the agents and blacks were whipped and driven out of the city."

Glenfora Texas, Oct. 6—A Negro named Ben Price was seized by a mob here today and taken to the center of the town and hanged to a pecan tree. The Negro was charged with criminal assault on a young girl. The crowd broke into the county jail to capture the black."

10/15/1908

- p. 3 "Rich Texas Merchant found murdered in sleep" Houston, Oct. 10—Hary Bulwinkle from Bulshear, Fort Bend County.
- "Strike oil"
- "Sherman, TX, Oct. 10—Several Sherman citizens interested in a \$250,000 track of land near Dayton, N. M., where a flow of oil was struck yesterday"
- p. 4 Excerpts of many newspapers around Texas.
- From Palo Pinto Star—on the scheme to create states from Arizona and New Mexico territories "...Texas does not harbor spite, but she does not forget her Greer County."
- p. 5 "Anti-prohibition convention" Houston, TX
- p. 7 Waters-Pierce case before the supreme court

Earthquake shock is a severe one." AP—Salt Lake, Utah. Recorded by University of Utah—Oct. 13, 10:22(sic) first shock.

10/22/1908

Front Page--Hereford and Tucumari hit by Tornado—four dead"

"Negro gets damages" Sherman, TX, ct. 21—Mail clerk T. B. Bush, won \$400.00 against Houston Texas Central Railway Company on a plea that he was assaulted by a baggage man

p. 2 "Negro admitted to Bail" Fred Taylor held for killing of Joe Long admitted to bail-sum \$1,000.00

p. 3 "Wealthy Texas oilman is found after wandering for months" Houston, Oct. '17—J. C. Webb, largest operator for Humble Field suffering from "mental trouble.

10/29/1908

Front Page—"Believe Texas to win oil case—Victory over Waters-Pierce before supreme court seems sure."

p. 5 "List of Panhandle winners" interesting summary of varieties and introduced non-natives plants and animals to Texas

p. 8 "Panhandle pioneer dies—John D. Roach, aged 57 succumbs to illness of several weeks." Came ot Amarillo in 1888

11/5/1908

p. 2 "Tootle Ranch passes—vast estate along Rio Grande is sold and to be colonized." 136,000 acres; Half a million dollars; sold to J. H. Adams of Kansas City.

11/12/1908

p. 4 "South and Negro Again" An essay on how the South has nothing to benefit from educating Negroes and yet will still invest on it. No author.

"Achievement (?? can't read) for education in Texas" Brailey, some 500 ISDs may levy taxes for local self-government.

p. 7 "Killing at Caldwell—J. B. Mervin meets death—two whites shot while at a Negro dance."

11/19/1908

p. 7 "Railroad man is looking to Canadian—Corporation chartered in Oklahoma—May extend line into Texas."

p. 8 "No mixed white and Negro schools for the South." Houston Chronicle—discussion of Berea College case in Kentucky where they had accepted African American students and the decision by the courts to declare a crime to admit Negroes in a school with whites.

11/26/1908

p. 2 "White man clubbed by Negro—beaten and robbed and shot four times—Black escapes." Waxahachie, Texas Nov. 21.

p. 3 Ennis, Texas—"White woman assaulted by Negro." Assailant was captured, rushed from vicinity to avoid mob "...talk of mob is rife."

p. 3 "The first public schools in Texas." Interesting article/essay on public school life in the early 1800s from the Houston Chronicle

p. 4 From the Wheeler County Texan, an essay on Dall's Police Department's notice warning of a potential Negro uprising. "If the Negroes were to organize for an uprising it would be impossible for them to maintain secrecy. Then the Negro is by nature a coward. They haven't backbone enough to face the music."

"Decision favoring South stirs Eastern Press—Supreme Court of US and separation of white and Negro students." The article calls the "Negro-loving Eastern papers" bitter.

p. 6 "Tragic death deplored here" Joe J Holt, built the courthouse

p. 7 Precipitation chart for Panhandle for 29 years (1880-1908)

12/16/1908

p. 7 "Voting on Prohibition" El Paso & Terrell County

12/24/1908

12/31/1908

Front Page--"Tidal wave 30 ft. high" Palermo Sicily, Dec. 29—Article does not mention earthquakes but says that "woman felt shocks"

"Rome newspapers estimate death list at 75,000—complete destruction of Messina followed by fire" (on p. 7 it says the epicenter was in Sicily)

- p. 4 "Wood and fire pastures fires rage over East Texas"
- p. 5 "James J. Hill begins work in Texas—gigantic colonization scheme being planned for gulf coast" 7 million acres of land on the Gulf Coast
- "Mexican veteran dies" McKinney, Texas, R. S. Cromer, 85, "believed to have been the oldest Mason in Texas"
- p. 7 "Girls profit in Turkeys—work is not hard and pays more than teaching school" (© could this still be true today?)

The Sunday Morning Herald
Amarillo, Texas
3/6/1910 through 4/23/1911

This is a 12-page paper with 2 sections and 8 columns. Section 1 includes the front page covers mostly international, national, and state news. It covers amusement, society news, ads, and editorials. Section 2: Amusement, novels, and various themes such as, pork supply, railroad news, sports, court decisions and indictments, poems, school news, crime, accidents, storms, a column "With the churches" which covers events per church in town, etc.

3/6/1910

p. 7 Death of Port B. Fuqua, started as Cowboy in New Mexico, come to own property estimated at \$100,000.

4/10/1910

4/17/1910

p. 5 "Regarding x-ray examinations"

p. 9 "Old Tascosa, rich in memories of a storied and eventful past" includes photo of pioneers

4/24/1910

p. 3 "Socialist reading room"

Coca cola ad (5 cents)

p. 5 "Negroes allege abuse from whites—sensational evidence developed in suit for damages but jury fails to reach verdict" Clarendon, Texas

5/15/1910

Front Page—"Negro lynched" Arkansas Mar 14

"Vice Consul dying" El Paso, Texas, May 14—John W. Gourley is dying of smallpox in Juarez

p. 3 "Fuqua returns" W. H. Fuqua, President of Texas Bankers Association

p. 6 "Oil and tin rich in el Paso"

5/22/1910

Front Page-- "Jim Crow case in court of appeals" Separate coach law against Texas Central Railroad; 4 violations a day alleged

6/5/1910

p. 9 "The American Home" interesting home plans & pictures

8/10/1908

Front Page—"Pugilist loses life—Frederick Castor falls unconscious during bout in Philadelphia and expires later"

p. 6 "Facts in connection with prohibition in Texas up to date" An entire page on prohibition facts

8/14/1910

9/4/1910

12/18/1910

p. 8 "New Survey is favored—bill by Stephens provides for establishment of New Mexico and Texas Boundary"

1/1/1911

Front Page—"Troops moving to protect border—ordered from Ft. Huachuca to international line where serious trouble is expected-- Rebels are crossing—considerable quantity of ammunition discovered in mountains by US officials and confiscated"

p. 6 "Out go close railway income—operating expenses of Texas Railways make inroads on operating profits during fiscal year" Statistics on railroad growth

3/10/1911

Front Page—"Secret orders issued to army to prepare for instant field service—intervention in Mexico by US now practically a certainty"

p. 4 "Would build Negro church" Rev. A. F. Johnson wants to build a church in Amarillo

4/23/1911
Front Page-- "Armistice in Juarez"

Panhandle Herald
Carson County

No newspapers on microfilm. No newspapers from 1915-1919 in original paper collection

Daily Panhandle

Amarillo Texas

Potter County

Originals (paper) Feb 28, Mar 2-3, 5, 14 of 1915; 3/1/1916

This is a weekly, 8 page, and 6 column newspaper. The originals are in bad condition. I looked through original paper volumes.

Box series: 1915-1916

2/28/1915

3/2/1915

3/3/1915

3/5/1915

3/1/1916

p. 4 "Ten Deaths is February Record" It mentions that a total of 10 deaths took place in the city of Amarillo and its vicinities in the month f February, of which 2 were adult transients and 8 were infants. It mentions that all of these were white people. It compares them to deaths in January where the deaths were of two transients as well, one Mexican and one a Negro.

"Negro church case echo in court" Many witnesses will make a long trial. The article mentions the case of Jennie Clements, who appealed at the charge of disturbing the peace in a Negro church meeting in Dec. of 1915 (there is no more detail in the article).

American Newspapers at UTEP Microfilm Collection

EL PASO TIMES

1881 to Present

1439 reels --for all the following formats to El Paso Times (reel 1439 Current Feb 1-5 1999)

Other names: The Times. (In files with El Paso herald-post)

Other names: Daily times.

El Paso times (Dec. 1, 1889-Aug. 16, 1891)

El Paso daily times (Aug. 18, 1891-Mar. 1, 1902)

Name/ Description	Details
<i>El Paso Times (1881)</i> Weekly Vol. 1, no. 1 (Apr. 2, 1881) Microfilm. Apr.2, Jun.10, Jun.3, 1881	3 issues for 1881 in microfilm format.
Continued by <i>El Paso daily times (1883)</i>	Reel 1a Apr 2-Jun 10 1883 Reel 1b Apr 11-Dec 16 1883 Reel 1c May 1 1884-March 1885 Reel 2 Apr 1 1885-Jul
1884-1886 CONTINUED BY <i>The El Paso daily times</i> (Apr.11, 1883-May 29,1886) [under EL PASO TIMES] Daily (except Sun.) May 1, 1884-Nov. 29, 1884 Daily (except Mon.) Nov. 30, 1884-May 29, 1886	Publisher's Title: Daily times May 1, 1884-May 29, 1886
Continued by <i>El Paso times (1886)</i> Daily (except Mon.) Published twice on Weds.	Later issues published by Times Pub. Co. The El Paso times [MF] Juan S. Hart and John E. Lord, [1886-1889] (eds.) Begins at end of reel 2 through the beginning of reel 7.
Continued by <i>El Paso international daily times</i> [1889-1902] 14 v. Daily.	Begins at end of reel 7 through beginning of reel 26.)
El Paso daily times 1902	Shelved under EL PASO TIMES
Continued by <i>El Paso morning times</i>	Dec. 10, 1908-July 1, 1918: located at end of

Daily Dec. 10, 1908-July 1, 1918; 38th year, no. 314 (July 2, 1918)- 41st year, no. 131 (Jan. 6, 1921)	reel 43 through the beginning of reel 110 In English with section in Spanish, Jan. 11, 1914- (Oct. 26, 1914) Also published in Spanish ed., (Oct. 28, 1914- June 6, 1918) (El Paso morning times, Spanish edition)
Continued by <i>El Paso times</i> (1921)	To date

NOTES: El Paso Times. There are about 13 reels prior to 1900—complete sequences starting about 1883m (3 issues for 1881). These are in good condition.

Sample: 8/1/1886 (starts on Sunday Aug 1886)
Daily, 4 pages, 7-column paper; it is in great condition.

Front Page-- About one half of the page or 3 columns are ads.
Second page has a series of announcements varying from water wells to the arrival of new dollar bills. Mix of local and international, regional and national news. Accidents are prominent.

All indications from librarians are that these are complete sequences [unless noted on labels directly in boxes].
The amount of issues would indicate that this is a complete collection. (1439 reels)

Checked also: *El Paso Daily times*
4/12/1883
4/13/1883

Assessment: Would be very likely to report an earthquake. It is worth scanning, depending on whether you choose to work with the El Paso Herald Post (which is weekly). As this is a daily newspaper that goes back in a good sequence, I think this would be strategically a good base-newspaper from which to extract target dates to search in other documents. On the other hand, the El Paso Herald is a weekly prior to 1901 and thus it could be a faster one to go through and use the El Paso Times as a parallel source. In either case, these are numerous records and it would be time intensive process.

EL PASO HERALD

Other names include, El Paso Herald Post, El Paso Daily Herald, El Paso Evening Post 1881 and 1892-1998.
211 reels total; starts weekly and becomes daily in 1901.

21 reels prior to 1901 (reel 1 [Sep 7 1881-Nov] reel. 25 [Oct 1 1901-Jan])
108 reels 1901-1921 (reel 26 ([Jan 15-May 2, 1901]- reel 134 [(Nov 20 1921)])
Last reel no. 211 Nov 18-Dec 3 1931

Name/ Description	Details
El Paso Herald (1881, 1884) Weekly [MF]. Began in 1881? (July 6, 1884).	Beginning of reel 1 with Sunday Herald
El Paso Daily Herald (1890s) Daily [MF] Ceased with issue for Apr. 2, 1931.	21st year issue (Apr. 3, 1901)
Continued by <i>El Paso Evening Post</i>	

NOTES: El Paso Herald has a good collection running from 1884 to 1931. There are about 130 reels prior to 1921. Reels are thick. (After 1931 El Paso Herald holds about another 500 reels up to date.)

1890s are in good shape. Earlier ones are 4 pages. Front Page shows wires of events from all over the US (cyclones, fire, indictments, etc.) A "Ste News" column presents local news and "gossip"

This issue is a 7-column paper, daily, varies between 10 and 16 pages long. Documents daily life in great detail. In this issue there is a summary of the "big events" of pervious year fro El Paso and vicinity.

Sample: 1911

Front Page—international news, 4 columns-- 3 columns for local events such as "severe weather" "record breaking cold."

p. 2-4 present national and diverse local news mixed. There is much interest in coal and gas production for the vicinity (N.M.).

El Paso Herald Post

Reel # 42

Dec. 11-1905-Mar. 6, 1906

I was looking for the 1906 earthquake reported in the Panhandle Newspapers. NO find.

Description: It is in great condition, 7-column, 8 pages can vary to 10 pages, daily (the Wednesdays and Saturdays can go from 27 up to 32 pages). Searched the following newspapers:

12/8/1906

12/10/190612/11/1906

12/12/1906

12/13/1906

12/14/1906

12/15/1906

12/17/1906

12/18/1906

12/19/1906

12/20/1906

12/21/1906—Front Page reports on eruption of Mt. Vesuvius

12/22/1906

12/24/1906

12/23/1906

12/26/1906

12/27/1906

12/28/1906

12/29/1906

12/31/1906

Assessment: Would be likely to report a strong earthquake. There are pro's and con's to using this newspaper. On the one hand, there are less reels to go through that cover the same period as the El Paso Times, on the other hand, this is a weekly and the search would not be as thorough as if you went through a daily. Would be time intensive but the record for those years would be in good shape.

**Mineral Industries Texas/ New Mexican Newspapers at UTEP
The Border Microfilm Collection**

THE BULLION

The Bullion was printed in two places, in Texas and in New Mexico, so I am including these reels as separate from the other Texas Newspapers.

These are 4 reels about the Mineral industries in New Mexico and Texas. Due to industry hazards, it is possible that they may be more interested in minor earthquakes. From all label indications, between New Mexico and Texas *Bullion*, it covers from 1883-1893. (3 microfilm reels are a feasible task to accomplish.)

Newspaper-- *The Bullion* [MF 504] (Printed in El Paso, Tex.: 1888)

Printed in El Paso, Texas

Name/Description	Details
Microfilm MF 504	reel 1, April 1, 1883-Jan. 29, 1889 (includes the New Mexico Bullion (see below)
The Bullion (El Paso, Tex.) Weekly	reel 2, Jan. 29, 1889-Feb. 2, 1891 reel 3, Feb. 2, 1891-Mar. 28, 1893 Mineral industries, El Paso (Tex.)
Ceased in 1895? Total of 3 reels	

Took a sample from 1883 (New Mexico Monthly Newsletter)

Reel 1—April 1, 1883 through January 29, 1889

4 columns, monthly newspaper at thi point, 12 pages average

4/1/1883

This particular issue has many articles on pottery, oil, local news conveyed by personal letters from miners to the editor. Talks about the discovery of kaolin in the Gallinas district. Coal mining at La Joya, An entire 1- to 3-page section called "Mining Notes."

5/1/1883

6/1/1883

Assessment: It is printed, legible and in great shape. It contains detailed information on the resources of the area; soils and minerals are of particular interest. I believe it would be likely to report earthquakes, maybe even the slighter ones that people do not generally are inclined to report.

The Bullion (Socorro)

It is included in description above.

Name/Description	Details
Socorro Bullion (or) Bullion (Socorro, N.M.: 1883) Printed in Socorro, New Mexico,	MF 504 Reel 1 is filmed with isolated issues of (in alphabetical order)
Monthly Apr. 1, 1883-Mar. 1, 1885 Weekly Apr. 28, 1885-June 9, 1885 Weekly Apr. 24 and Sept. 11, 1886	Chieftain (Socorro, N.M.), Colfax County stockman, Combate (Socorro, N.M.), Defensor del pueblo (Socorro, N.M.), Eagle (Silver City, N.M.), Estrella de Nuevo Mexico,

	<p> Golondrina (Socorro, N.M.), Grant County herald (Silver City, N.M. : 1877), Herald (Silver City, N.M.), Hispano-americano (Socorro, N.M.), Industrial advertiser (Socorro, N.M.), Lincoln County leader (White Oaks, N.M.), Mining chronicle, New Mexican review (Santa Fe, N.M. : 1898), New Mexico interpreter, New Southwest and Grant County herald, Progreso (Socorro, N.M.), Republicano (Socorro, N.M.), Revista de Taos and the Taos cresset (1902), Santa Fe daily New Mexican, Santa Fe New Mexican (1898), Santa Fe New Mexican review (Weekly), Santa Fe weekly express, Santa Fe weekly New Mexican and live stock journal, Santa Fe weekly sun, Santa Rosa sun (Santa Rosa, N.M.), Silver City enterprise, Silver City independent, Southwest-sentinel (Silver City, N.M.), Voz del pueblo (Santa Fe, N.M. : 1889), Weekly New Mexican review (Santa Fe, N.M. : 1883), and White Oaks eagle </p>
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Mexican Newspapers at UTEP The Border Microfilm Collection

EL HERALDO

MF 538 The Border Microfilm collection
Published in Chihuahua in Spanish.
There are 114 reels starting on 1927.

Name/Description	Details
<i>El Herald</i> [MF] (Chihuahua, Mexico) A.R. Sandoval (ed.)	Starts July 14, 1927 on paper. Microfilm reels start Jan. 1, 1928-Sept.10, 1992
Daily.	The collection dates redundant for our purposes as the American newspapers cover these dates well.
114 microfilm reels	

NOTES: Sample description based on 1/1/1928 newspaper.

This is a 7-column, 4 page newspaper. Some papers are not in good condition.

1/1/1928

Front Page—Mix of political and economic news. For example—forestation issues mixed with news about taxes on gasoline. A column reports on various local events.

Assessment: Would be likely to report an earthquake but dates overlap with the dates of the American newspapers. Good for covering early to mid 20th century.

EL PERIÓDICO OFICIAL DE CHIHUAHUA

It is published by the Mexican Executive Branch of Government (Secretaría de Gobierno) and it states: "All legal notices and rules published in this newspaper are from hereon obligatory and must be obeyed by the mere fact of being published herein." Thus the government made the public aware of new laws.

Reproduced from the **Francisco Almada Collection of Ciudad Juárez** at the University of Texas at El Paso Archives. These have a total of 109 reels, 1829 to March 1971. It is possible to use the first 50 years to cover the earlier part of the 19th Century, which the American newspaper collection does not cover.

Guide to the microfilm collection of the Periódico Oficial de Chihuahua—this is a valuable tool that contains indexes to this newspaper collection.

Located at JL1203.U65 1974

Description—reproduction of collection of official government periodicals of Chihuahua, Mexico, originally issued under various titles, including: *Periodico oficial del gobierno del estado*.

Name/description	Details
<p>Periodico oficial de Chihuahua. MF 472</p> <p>109 microfilm reels reel 1 starts Dec. 1, 1829 through reel 109 Mar. 10, 1971</p> <p>The newspapers included in the column to the right go back to the 20s. It might be worth looking through the 20s to go one decade further back than the Periodico oficial de Chihuahua.</p> <p>The newspaper collection, however is not complete. I did not have time to go through all of them. However, I have included a description of <i>El Correo de Chihuahua</i> below since it was one of the newspapers that Dr. Doser used and found articles reporting the 1928 earthquake.</p> <p>I have italicized those that I consider worth a shot based on the information I have to date. Maybe a further assessment could be done as to the likelihood of these newspapers to report earthquakes.</p> <p>Sample 1 below provides an example of how these reels have been photographed.</p>	<p>Reels are arranged by date and they include:</p> <p>El Fanal de Chihuahua, 1834-1835 El Noticioso de Chihuahua, 1835-1839 Periodico Religioso Moral en Chihuahua, 1829-1830 <i>Proyecto para proporcionar el laboreo de las minas del estado de Chihuahua, 1827</i> Antorcha Federal, 1829-1830 El Martillo, 1837 La Palanca, 1837 El Chasco, 1842 El Antenor, 1839-1840 La Luna, 1840-1842 Revista oficial, 1842-1845 La Restauracion, 1845-1846 El Provisional, 1846 El Faro del estado libre de Chihuahua, 1847-1850 <i>El Correo de Chihuahua, 1850-1852</i> Boletin de Noticias, 1852-1853 El Centinela, 1853-1855 El Eco de la Frontera, 1856-1857 La Coalicion, 1858-1860 El Mensajero, 1855-1856 La Regeneracion Social, 1860 La Alianza de la Frontera, 1860-1864 La Brocha, 1860 El Cometa de 1857 La Epoca, 1861 El Chihuahuense, 1863-1864 El Boletin, 1865-1867 La Nueva Era, 1865-1866 Periodico oficial del gobierno constitucional de la republica Mexicana, 1866 La Republica, 1867-1873 El Republicano, 1864-1865 La Regeneracion, 1877 El Guardia Nacional, 1877 Gaceta Oficial, 1877 Boletin Militar, 1876 Periodico Oficial, 1877-1886 El Estado de Chihuahua, 1885-1890</p>

NOTES: *El Periodico Oficial de Chihuahua*

Sample 1:

MF 472 reel 5 copy 2

Sept. 29, 1855-Dec. 29, 1860

9/29/1855 # 78 (Tome) Vol. 3

2-column, 5 page, this issue has articles as well as legal notices (compare to Sample 2). This reel contains "El Centinela: Periódico del Gobierno del Departamento de Chihuahua" (see below). The Spanish is not complex.

MF 472 reel 9

Oct. 15-Jul 30, 1881

This reel contains "El Semanario Oficial, a 4-column, 4-page weekly newspaper.

El semanario ends in 1877 (year 4, # 17: Feb. 2, 1877)

The "Regeneración" comes next, year 1 # 3—Feb. 20, 1877 (looks the same as the above)

The “La Guardia Nacional” follows and goes from April 19, 1877-Jul. 12, 1877;
Next comes “La Gaceta Oficial,” year 1 # 1, Jul. 23, 1877- #3 Aug. 6, 1877.

Periódico Oficial de Chihuahua starts again Aug. 19, 1877. Year 1 # 1 ends in 1878 (28 Dec # 36)
Then picks up again 1879 and goes to 1881.

Sample 2: MF 472

Reel 11—Periódico Oficial de Chihuahua (Did not find any other newspaper intermixed in this reel; though I did not cover the whole year, from the labels and the date one can assume this reel contains only the Periódico Oficial de Chihuahua) Jan 8, 1887—Dec. 31, 1887

Stars with year X # 1, Vol. 1, 8/1/1887

Format for this date is 5-column, 4 pages, varying from weekly to tri-weekly.

8/1/1887

The front page has news of local events and central government affairs, crime notices, road, fires, river developments, cholera, malaria, epidemics, discourses, and deaths. Speeches are all transcribed and offered to the public in this way. The rest cover legislative orders, edicts, regulations, rules and other judicial matter and announcements.

I scanned the following:

1/15/1887
1/19/1887
1/22/1887
2/2/1887
2/12/1887
2/9/1887
2/16/1887
2/19/1887
3/2/1887
3/9/1887
3/16/1887
3/26/1887
3/30/1887
4/2/1887
4/6/1887
4/13/1887
4/16/1887
4/20/1887
4/23/1887
4/27/1887
4/30/1887

4/5/1887 Earthquake related articles are copied below by date and translated by Martha Perez. Attached are copies for the May 14 and the June 4th of 1887 issues.

Spanish	English
Miércoles 4 de Mayo de 1887 # 31, Año X Front page (col. 4)	Wednesday 5/4/1887
“Temblor” Lo hubo ayer en esta ciudad a las 3 ¼ de la tarde.No sabemos que ocasionase desgracias, pero sí sufrieron algunas fincas, principalmente en la parte baja de la	Temblor It happened yesterday in this city at 3”15 in the afternoon. We do not know what produced such disasters, but ranches did suffer damages, principally

<p>ciudad, cerca del río. Los habitantes de la población se alarmaron por que no son conocidos en Chihuahua esta clase de accidentes. Se nos dice que Aldama, Santa Isabel, y Ciudad Guerrero fue mas formal que aquí. La duración del temblor fue de 4 a 6 segundos.</p>	<p>those in the lower parts of the city, near the river. The inhabitants of the settlement were alarmed because these type of accidents (temblors) are not known in Chihuahua. We are told that it was stronger in Aldama, Santa Isabel and Ciudad Guerrero. The duration of the temblor was between 4 and 6 seconds.</p>
<p>Sábado 7 de Mayo de 1887 # 32, Año X Front page (col. 4)</p> <p>“Terremoto” Antes de ayer a las cuatro de la tarde tembló en México. El fenómeno duró cercade de un minuto pero fue muy suave, oscilatorio y de sur a norte. En muchas calles la gente se arrodillaba. No ha habido ninguna desgracia. Suponemos que no pasarán ahí los terremots en este año. Los sabios presagian grandes terremotos parecidos a los de Niza y Savoya y las comadres dicen “ya es tiempo de que dance la tierra.”</p>	<p>Saturday 5/7/1887</p> <p>Earthquake The day before yesterday at 4 in the afternoon Mexico (usually refers to Mexico City, D.F.) shook. The phenomenon was soft, oscillatory and from south to north. In many streets people knelt. There were no casualties. We suppose that no earthquakes will happen there. The sages predict great earthquakes like the ones in Niza and Savoy and the “comadres” say “it is time that the earth dances.”</p>
<p>Miércoles 11 de Mayo de 1887, año X, #. 33 Front Page (Col. 3)</p> <p>“Más sobre el terremoto” El Sr. Gobernador recibió un telegrama fechado en Guaymas el 9 del actual cuyo tenor es como sigue:</p> <p>De Guaymas, el 9 de Mayo de 1887.-Ricibido en Chihuahua a las 11 h. 10 m. De la mañana—Sr. Gobernador—Temblor de tierra el día 3 del presente causó terribles estragos; en el Distrito de Moctezuma todos los pueblos antiguos sufrieron algo pero los más lejanos rumbo al norte sufrieron más; en Bavispe hubo 150 víctimas y nueve en el Japuto quedando una y otra poblaciones completamente destruidas.- Dicho temblor fuë a consecuencia de la erupción de un volcán que apareció cerca de Bavispe, y que incendió a la vez las Sierras inmediatas.- Lo participo a ud. Para su conocimiento.- E. G. Diego M. Guerrero.</p> <p>“Janos” Con fecha 4 del mismo Mayo escribe de este punto a un amigo nuestro, el Señor Dámaso Rueda, dando la noticia que a las 2 de la tarde del propio día 3, se sintió el temblor fuerte; su duración fué como de quince segundos y siguió sucediéndose en intervalos hasta las dos de la mañana del día 4; las casas se derrumbaron casi todas, la tierra se abrió en varias partes, brotando de la profundidad agua revuelta con menuda arena.</p> <p>Van ya algunos días que esta jefatura política se abrio una suscripción para socorrer a la familias de las víctimas en el incendio de la casa del Sr. Valenzuela y</p>	<p>Wednesday 5/11/1887</p> <p>“More on the earthquake” The Governor received a telegram dated in Guaymas, the 9th of this month and with the following theme:</p> <p>From Guaymas, 9 of May, 1887. Received in Chihuahua at 11 hours 10 minutes of the morning—Mr. Governor: Earth shocks of the 3rd day of the present month caused terrible damages in the Moctezuma district. All the ancient towns suffered some but the ones North suffered the most, in Bavispe, there were 150 victims and 9 in Japuto leaving thses settlements totally destroyed. Such an earthquake was a consequence of the eruption of a volcano that appeared near Bavispe and set fire to the surrounding mountains. I share with you these news for your knowledge. E. G. Diego M. Guerrero.</p> <p>Janos Dating on the 4th of this month of May a friend of ours writes from thisplace. Mr. Damaso Rueda, giving us the news that at 2 in the afternoon of the 3rd day of May, a strong shock was felt lasting for about 15 seconds and following at intervals up to 2 in the morning hours of the 4th day of May; most of the houses fell, the ground cracked in varius areas, coming up from the depths water mixed with fine sand.</p> <p>There have been several days where the local government officially pronounced solicitation for aid to the families of the victims of the fire of Mr.</p>

<p>hoy volvemos a excitar la filantropía de nuestros buenos hermanos para auxiliar a las de Bavispe y Janos.</p> <p>Igual súplica nos permitimos hacer a las autoridades de los demás estados de la república, que no dudamos concurrirán con su contingente para el socorro de tantos desgraciados.</p>	<p>Valenzuela's house and today we ask for the philanthropy of our good brothers to help Bavispe and Janos.</p> <p>In the same fashion, we allow ourselves to do so to all the other authorities in the states of this republic, which we have no doubt will help our delegation to aid the many unfortunate ones.</p>
<p>Sábado 14 de Mayo de 1887, Año X, # 34 Front page (col.4) (attached copy of original)</p> <p>"Más sobre temblores" Rectificadas las noticias que se recibieron de este desgraciado suceso las reproducimos sin pormenores.</p> <p>"Bavispe" Comunica el Jefe de la Gendarmería Fiscal que a las tres de la tarde comenzó el temblor tan fuerte, que no dejó casa alguna habitable; perecieron sesenta personas y hubo muchas lastimadas sin dar esperanzas de vida. De las tres de la tarde a las diez de la mañana del siguiente día, hubo diez y ocho temblores, tres de éstos muy fuertes, oyéndose ruido subterráneo.</p> <p>Esta noticia está de acuerdo con la que publicamos en nuestro número anterior; están aún desenterrando cadáveres para darles sepultura y seguramente no bajarán de 150 las personas que perecieron.</p> <p>"Janos" Oficialmente vino la noticia que publicamos tomada de carta particular. Las fincas de aquel Pueblo quedaron destruidas en su mayor parte: parece que no hubo que lamentar allí desgracias personales. El Jefe Político de Casas Grandes, al excitar los sentimientos de los habitantes del lugar e inmedicaciones, fue atendido desde luego por todos los vecinos, reuniendo por de pronto, y a reserva de recoger otros donativos, doce fanegas de maíz, trece de frijol, mil libras de harina, cincuenta de azúcar, cincuenta de arroz, y trescientos de sal; estos víveres fueron remitidos el día seis.</p> <p>El humo del volcan es tan denso, que intercepta los rayos solares y desaparece casi la luz de la luna; algunos aseguran que en los momentos de estallar el temblor, vieron volar peñascos de grandes dimensiones y brotar el fuego que incendió los montes de las inmediatas sierras.</p> <p>En Galeana, el mismo día a3 a las tres de la tarde comenzó el temblor, cuya duracón fue de 20 segundos; quedaron todas las casas en muy mal estado; la Iglesia, más que ninguna otra finca. Se repitió por otra dos veces; a las ocho de la noche y a las cuatro de la tarde</p>	<p>Saturday 5/14/1887</p> <p>More on the earthquakes We have confirmed the news received about this unfortunate event and these are reproduced herein without changes:</p> <p>Bavispe The Fiscal Chief of Gendarmes tells that at 3 in the afternoon a shock started so strong that it left no inhabitable house; 60 persons died and many were harmed without hope of recovery. From 3 in the afternoon until 10 in the morning next day, there were 18 shocks, 3 very strong with subterranean sounds.</p> <p>This notice is in agreement with what has been published in previous issues; corpses continue to be dug up and given proper burial; certainly there will be no less than 150 in the body count.</p> <p>Janos This notice is officially published taken from a private letter: The ranches of that Pueblo were in their majority destroyed. It appears that there were no deaths to lament. The Political Chief of Casas Grandes asked the local and those of vicinities for help and thus was helped by all their neighbors quickly gathering donations, 12 barrels of maize and 13 of beans, 1000 pounds of flower, 50 of sugar, and 300 of salt. These were delivered on the 6th.</p> <p>The smoke of the volcano is so dense that it intercepts the solar rays and fades those of the moon; some assure that at the moment of the explosion they saw cliffs flying into the air; and saw the fire that caused the immediate mountains to go ablaze.</p> <p>In Galeana, the same 3rd day at 3 in the afternoon, shocks started and lasted 20 seconds; houses were left in terrible shape; the church worse than any other ranch. This was repeated two more times, at 8 in the evening and at 4 in the afternoon of next day. One could also see the smoke of the volcano. The Mayor of this town went there with the goal to observe and assess the damages.</p>

del siguiente día, divisándose también desde allí el humo del volcán. El Presidente Municipal de este Pueblo, saió hacia ese rumbo con el fin de observar y dar pormenores.

Valle de San Buenaventura

Sin que hubiera desgracias personales sufrieron en lo general todas las fincas del Pueblo.

De Paso Del Norte

Recibió el Sr. Gobernador el telegrama que copiamos—Sr. Gobernador. Temblor de tierra a las 3 h. 35 m. PM. No hubo desgracias personales; en la cárcel se cuartearon dos piezas; daños particulares, en casas de poca importancia—E. Provencio.

Estas son las noticias que se tienen hasta hoy; el Gobierno del Estado procura con toda actividad los medios convenientes para atender aquellos pueblos y remediar en lo posible su desgracia: ha mandado tambien practicar los informes necesarios para saber hacia que rumbo y distancia de la Ascención hizo erupción el volcan; si hubo levantamiento de tierra a que altura, si es lava, lodo o arena lo que arroja, como se dice y si sigue aún la erupción.

Varias otras personas cuya lista publicamos en seguida, contribuyeron proporcionalmente a sus recursos, para auxiliar a los necesitados.

Valley of San Buenaventura

Without personal tragedies, all the ranches suffered damages.

From Paso del Norte (this was the old name of El Paso, I believe)

The Governor received the following telegram, we copy: Mr. Governor: earthquake at 3 hours and 35 minutes in the afternoon. There were no personal tragedies, but in the jail two cell walls cracked, there were other damages to houses of lesser importance. These are the news that we have to date, the State Government provides with activities all convenient means to help those towns and to remedy inasmuch as possible these misfortunes; he has also commanded to give information necessary to assess the eruption's direction and distance from Ascencion; the heigh ot the earth uprisings; or if it is lava, mud or sand that is being thrown and if the eruption continues.

Below we publish also the names of those who contributed proportionally to their resources to aid those in need. (this is the end of the article)

5/18/1887

5/21/1887

5/28/1887

6/1/1887

Spanish	English
<p>Sábado 4 de Junio de 1887, Año X, # 39 Front Page (col. 5)</p> <p>“Socorro a la Desgracia” Dice el Periódico oficial de Jalisco: La república toda está en el caso de acudir al auxilio de multitud de afligidos seres entre los cuales una horrible catástrofe ha sembrado la desolación y la miseria. Las numerosas familias que los terremots de Sonora han perjudicado, los desgraciados huérfanso que allí quedan sin pan y sin hogar, estan reclamando un esfuerzo de la caridad de sus hermanos para librarse de terror y del hambre. La noticia de tan lamentable suceso ha cundido por todo el país conmovido profundamente los ánimos y creemos que como en casos semejantes, en todas nuestras poblaciones, grandes y pequeñas, no faltarán humanitarios seres que se apresten al socorro de aquellos desgraciados. Jalisco, por su parte, se dispone ya a cumplir con esa</p>	<p>6/4/1887</p> <p>Socorro in Ruin This is an article taken from the Official Newspaper of the State of Jalisco promoting aid to those in the town of Socorro.</p> <p>I did not translate it because it does not contain any more information on the earthquake; it just extols public sympathy, makes a public commitment to aid those in need and calls for similar aid from all the other States of the Mexican Republic.</p>

ineludible obligación pues no olvida ni puede olvidar nunca en días de calamidad pública, ha sido objeto del ajeno amparo y recibido elocuentes muestras del fraternal afecto de los demás Estados de la confederación. Se ha organizado en esta capital, compuesta de respetables personas, una junta que tiene por objeto recoger donativos para socorrer a las personas perjudicadas por los terremotos de Sonora. El gobierno ha ofrecido ayudar decididamente esos trabajos, y por esa circunstancia así como por la alta representación social de las personas que tienen a su cargo tan loable empresa es de esperarse que la suscripción de donativos se hará extensiva a todo el Estado y que el éxito corresponderá debidamente al buen nombre de Jalisco.

Próximamente publicaremos los nombres de los estimables caballeros que componen la junta, y la lista de los donativos a medida que se nos vaya comunicando.

En nuestro número 33 pedimos a las autoridades de ese estado lo mismo que a los demás de la república, su concurso para que se levante una suscripción a favor de las familias de estas víctimas. Hoy reiteramos nuestra súplica excitando de nuevo los sentimientos filantrópicos de nuestros conciudadanos para el auxilio de tantos infelices huérfanos.

6/11/1887

1/22/1887

6/25/1887

6/29/1887

7/2/1887

7/6/1887

7/9/1887 ~

7/16/1887

7/20/1887

7/23/1887

Sample 3: MF 472

Reel 53, copy 2

June 2, 1928-Sept 14, 1929

I was looking for the November earthquake in this reel.

This is a weekly, 28 pages plus supplements and ranging up to 32 pages. Reels are thick.

This issue is journal size, 2 pages 8 by 11 ½ page.

This issue is a 2-column paper, typed, ranges between 10 and 28 pages. Contains edicts, notices, announcements, convocations, judicial notices, regulations, treasury financial reports, tariffs, indults (indultos), decrees, resolutions, and memos (circulars).

I scanned Nov. 3 and Nov 17 issues of the year of 1928 knowing that on Nov 1, 2, and 3 an earthquake had been reported. I did NOT find coverage in these ones.

Assesment: Based on the above findings, and based on the completeness of the collection, I would recommend going through this (Almada Collection) newspaper reels to assess most of the 19th century. It is printed and it is in good shape, it should not require a high-level of skill in Spanish. Due to the variations in the quality and distinct legal and jurisprudential content of the early years (as opposed to the latter years), there is a chance that the early years may not report events of this nature, however, the other series of newspapers to be found interspersed with the Periodico Oficial de Chihuahua reels, the scan might be a good way of collecting data for the earlier 19th century.

I would not recommend using this one for the dates that overlap with the American newspapers. This newspaper would help expanding the history of earthquakes into the early 20th Century.

EL CORRÉO DE CHIHUAHUA
SILVESTRE TERRAZAS COLLECTION (1902-1942)
diario independiente por Silvestre Terrazas

MF 561 Reels 7-25

The Silvestre Terrazas Collection (Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley) contains information about the Mexican Revolution in newspapers, magazines, books, and documents; also contains material on social, cultural, and political themes. Other issues of the Correo de Chihuahua are also found under the Periodico Oficial de Chihuahua.

NOTES:

Sample MF 561

Reel 1 1902

Reel 2 1903

Issues for 1 Jan. 1902-2 Feb. 1902 called: t. 1, year 1, # 1--# 27

Issues for 4 Feb. 1902-31 Dec. 1902 called: t. 2, (época), year 1 # 28 – year 2 # 294

Issues for 1 Jan. 1903-30 Dec. 1905 called: t.3, year 1 # 295-- # 1162

1/1/1903

6-column paper, 4 pages

Daily and some times , tri-weekly

Front Page—International and local news mixed with ads.

Assessment: As per Dr. Doser findings, this newspaper does report on strong earthquakes like the one felt in 1928. However, it overlaps with the American newspapers, so I would keep this newspaper as a secondary and parallel source to expand findings from American newspapers.

Did a partial word search on computer index (MF 513 reels 1-73) and found nothing. However, this might be a product of the fact that the people indexing are not looking for earthquakes. Though it is a wild shot, it is possible that by reviewing a few reels that documentation on the 1700s can be started.

HANDBOOK **Early Spanish document guide**

MF 518

Excellent guide to train anyone to read these early Mexican documents.

Contains a glossary that would be extremely helpful if you choose to look into these earlier manuscript documents. Would be good to use to enhance the training aspects of this proposal.

ARCHIVO DEL AYUNTAMIENTO DE CHIHUAHUA

MF 491--656 reels dating from 1712-1941 covering a vast amount of topics. This collection has 656 reels and it seems to cover from Nuño Cabeza de Vaca (1536) to Pancho Villa (early 1900s).

Sample MF 491

Reel # 1

May 1712—Aug. 23, 1714

Entries are legible. Some records from Santa Eulalia that is a mining town (silver, I believe). The records are officially sealed by 1704-1705 and the ledger acquires a different organization. Requires good Spanish and expertise.

MF 501, the supplementary reels of the Chihuahua archive total 61 and they go from 1713-1937. According to the labels, the topics herein focused on water and sewage projects that might be better for our purposes.

Assessment: This supplementary archive covers in 2 reels from 1724 to 1934. Reel 5 goes from 1710 to 1807. It might be worth scanning in search of earthquake material and then search the rest of the archives for secondary sources.

In 1720 Chihuahua becomes a Villa. Reel # 5 is quite legible. Contains mostly "oficios"—documentation of day-to-day civil processes that were recorded officially. Requires high skills in Spanish and some expertise with the document. It is in good shape and 2 reels might be worth looking into them.

EL ARCHIVO DE HIDALGO DEL PARRAL

MF 476, 326 microfilm reels dating from 1631-1821 (Tucson, Arizona)
Accompanied by guide: Index to El Archivo de Hidalgo del Parral, 1631-1821

Section 1. Administrative and war register (Causos administrativas y de Guerra)

Section 2. Mines and lands (Minas, solares y terrenos)

Section 3. Protocols (Protocolos)

Section 4. Civil records (Causos civiles)
Section 5. Criminal records (Causos criminales)

reel 1-222(1631-1733)
reel 224-237(1735-47)
reel 239-240(1749-50)
reel 242-326(1752-1821)

Sample: MF 476 reel # 174
Civil records (Causas civiles) (1715)

Notes: This one is in good shape and is legible. Manuscript is handwritten. Covers deaths disputes and similar events. The reels dealing with the 1700s are not that many. If there had been great damages to settlements—they would be likely to be entered into these records. Requires high skills. The mines and land section (above) might be worth looking into. Also, Dr. Cheryl Martin might be able to provide some.

Assessment: This one might be better used if the index is consulted first. However, I did a partial word search on computer index (reels 5 [1722] through 17 [1724]) and found nothing. Nonetheless, this might be a function of the “indexer” not focusing on this type of events.

MEXICAN DOCUMENTS FROM CHIHUAHUA
SR. OSORIO COLLECTION

MF 514
6 reels
I checked the Santo Niño Mine Report

Sample 1: MF 514, reel 1
Sr. Pérez Campos 1889-1935

These are the mine book-keeping and managerial reports form a British company in Chihuahua, Mexico (Echevarria is the name of the manager). It is a typewritten ledger reporting on activity and cost and revenues. The report is numbered by page, the first one has no date. The mine report is in English and reports on the extraction of ores. Ledger ends and manuscript starts with 1883 date. This is legible. Letters by Echevarria are included everytime after each report.

Assessment: I read a substantial portion of these reports and found no mention of the earthquakes. In addition, dates of these reports overlap with the American newspapers. I would give preference to the American newspapers and the Bullion.

RECORDS FROM A MISSION IN SOCORRO, TEXAS
Nuestra Señora de la Purísima

MF 509
These are 2 reels covering from 1840-1878.

I was unable to inspect them because they were loaned out. But these are only two reels that cover a large part of the 19th Century. Might be worth a look. Librarian notes say that ths documents the

mission for Piro Indians in 1680 in the present town of Socorro, Texas. A flood swept the building in 1829. In 1848 the territory became part of the US but the mission remained under Durango's governance until 1872.

DURANGO ARCHIVES
Archivo Histórico del Gobierno del Estado de Durango
Mexican Documents from 1578-1957

466 reels

MF 492

Sample: reel 3

Box says it dates from 1699-1857

The reel starts in 1757

Notes: Librarian notes state that Francisco de Ibarra founded Durango about 1561, and the city became the capital of the province of Nueva Vizcaya (New Biscay), which Ibarra named in honor of his home province in Spain. Durango shares the mining interest with Chihuahua. Durango's mines and early settlement made this city and state wealthy and influential. This city's archives reflect its regional importance.

The index states that this archive contains documentation that are of interest to our study such as: water reports, public hygiene documents, mining, road repair, hospitals, maps, and meteorological charts.

Assessment: Very legible, handwritten and in good shape.

Recommendation. I would use this as a parallel source but give priority to the official newspaper of Durango. Requires high level skills in early document reading and in Spanish.

DURANGO CATHEDRAL(1635-1859)
Archivo Eclesiástico de la Catedral de Durango, Mexico

MF 494

20 reels (1635-1820)

Description: Librarian say that this collection contains some 20,000 documents contain (Actas Capitulares) mostly official and legal records (accounting books, copybooks of correspondence, licenses, baptisms, marriages, confirmations, interments, etc.)

Recommendation: This collection comes with an Index produced by Dr. Michael M. Swann (available in Special Collections Department at UTEP). Given the distance to El Paso it is not worth as a primary source, but it might be worth a quick look at the index for earthquakes or damage to the cathedral. Otherwise, there is plenty of material to work with.

